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FOUR MORE KEDAH ASSEMBLYMEN MEET PM AND PLEDGE SUPPORT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (Bernama) -- Four more Kedah assemblymen today pledged to give their full support to whoever the Prime Minister decides to appoint as the next Menteri Besar of their state.

They gave the pledge at a meeting with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office.

One of the assemblymen, Kota Siputeh member Hassan Sharif, said the Prime Minister met them individually.

The other three assemblymen are state executive councillor Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain (member for Pengkalan Kundor), Ahmad Lebai Sudin (Bukit Lada) and Mohd Bashah Hanipah (Alor Merah).

The four were seen entering the gate of the Prime Minister's Department at 6 pm and leaving 10 minutes later.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir met the first group of seven assemblymen and 11 Members of Parliament from Kedah, and they also pledged to support fully whatever decision the Prime Minister made on the Menteri Besar issue.

The meetings came after Dr Mahathir announced on Monday that Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff had tendered his resignation letter.

Osman said later in Alor Setar that he was asked by the Prime Minister to step down.

According to Hassan, another group of Kedah assemblymen would meet Dr Mahathir tomorrow.

Mohd Bashah, when questioned by reporters, said: "He (Osman) has resigned; that's enough ..."

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