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I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY APPOINTMENT LETTER, SAYS SANUSI

ALOR SETAR, May 14 (Bernama) -- Kuah assemblyman Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid said he had not received any letter from the Prime Minister naming him as Kedah Menteri Besar.

The former Agriculture Minister also said he knew nothing about speculations that the swearing-in of the new Menteri Besar would be held before the Sultan at Istana Anak Bukit tomorrow.

"There's nothing. These are all newspaper stories ... not true," he told reporters on arrival at Sultan Abdul Halim Airport last night to pay his respects to the mother of the Sultan, Tengku Ampuan Asma ibni Almarhum Sultan Sulaiman, who passed away yesterday.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff, who has tendered his resignation from the post, said recently that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad asked him to step down to make way for Sanusi.

Sanusi said the Prime Minister also did not name any candidate for the Menteri Besar post during their meeting in Kuala Lumpur last week.

Asked whether the Prime Minister was likely to make an announcement on the issue during his current visit to Tokyo, Sanusi said: "That is a newspaper story." -- BERNAMA

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