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LEADERSHIP CHANGE NECESSARY TO ACCELERATE KEDAH'S DEVELOPMENT, SAYS PM

LANGKAWI, June 29 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the recent change in Kedah leadership was felt necessary to further accelerate development in the state.

He said Kedah needs new ideas to keep pace with the current development.

He said it was for this reason that former Agriculture Minister Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid was appointed as Menteri Besar to succeed Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff.

"It's not that the former Menteri Besar is not good ..., he's also good but sometimes we need some changes," he said at during the "Leader with the People" session at Padang Matsirat here.

"We need new ways to develop Kedah and I believe the new Menteri Besar has plenty of ideas in this respect," he said.

Dr Mahathir was confident that, given the support of State Executive Councillors and assemblymen, Sanusi will be able to carry his duties well and effectively.

"I'm confident that he will encounter no problems since all elected representatives have declared their support to his appointment.

"Although, some had disagreed in the past, now they have given their support, since only the Menteri Besar has changed while the others such as State Executive Councillors and elected representatives remain the same," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was happy that all elected representatives in the state supported the appointment of Sanusi, something which might be difficult to achieve in other countries.

In some countries, if the people disagree with the government over something, they will revolt and hold demonstration, he said.

He said that such a situation would only be to the detriment of the people but it did not happen in Malaysia.

"As such, I would like to thank all elected representatives in the state and the people of Kedah for agreeing with the appointment of the new Menteri Besar and supporting him," he said.

Sanusi, in his welcoming speech, said that after "a 14-month rest", he is full of energy and cannot wait to put all his ideas into practice to bring more progress to Kedah.

But, he said he needed the support of all to realise his objective.

"We need the support and assistance of all and we invited investors to come to Kedah," he said. -- BERNAMA

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