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OSMAN AROFF TO RESIGN AS MENTERI BESAR ON SUNDAY

ALOR SETAR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Osman Aroff will resign as Kedah Menteri Besar on June 16.

He made the announcement at a news conference today after a nearly hour-long meeting with 28 Kedah state assemblymen from the Barisan Nasional at Wisma Darul Aman here.

Osman said he met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Thursday at the Prime Minister's Department to discuss the date for him to step down.

Asked on his successor, he said the decision was the prerogative of the Prime Minister.

However, Osman had told reporters last month that he was asked by the Prime Minister to resign to make way for Kuah assemblyman Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid.

Osman said the date for the swearing-in of the new Menteri Besar had not been fixed.

He thanked everyone, including state assemblymen and government staff, for the cooperation and support given him in the performance of his duties.

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