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Sanusi

SANUSI MEETS MAHATHIR OVER PROJEK LANGKAWI

KUALA LUMPUR, June 9 (Bernama) -- Kuah Assemblyman Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, widely speculated to take over as Kedah Menteri Besar, today held talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at Sri Perdana here.

Casually dressed in bright-coloured trousers and short-sleeve shirt, Sanusi arrived at the Prime Minister's official residence at 4pm and remained there for about an hour.

On leaving Sri Perdana, he alighted from his car and told reporters waiting at the gate that his meeting with Dr Mahathir was only to discuss development projects in Langkawi.

Questioned whether he had received his appointment letter as Menteri Besar, the former Agriculture Minister said he received nothing. "In Allah's name, I have not received it," he said.

"How could I lie in Allah's name," he said to repeated questions by journalists.

It is widely speculated that Sanusi would be sworn in as the Menteri Besar next week.

Dr Mahathir on his return from a working visit overseas last month, had announced the resignation of Tan Sri Osman Aroff as the Menteri Besar, but he made no mention of the date the resignation would take effect.

Asked whether he had been invited to join other Barisan Nasional assemblymen for a meeting with Osman, scheduled to be held at the Menteri Besar's office tomorrow, Sanusi said for the present he had not received any such invitation.

"I did not receive any letter or invitation to attend the meeting at noon tomorrow. Probably the invitation letter is in Kedah," he said.

Sanusi said he only knew of the meeting from the papers and added that he would attend the meeting if it was meant for all the state assemblymen.

Osman was quoted in today's newsreports that he would be holding a meeting with all the 34 state assembly members at his office tomorrow.

The report, quoting a source, said all the assemblymen had received the invitation letters for the meeting signed by the State Legislative Assembly Secretary. -- BERNAMA

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