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HAVE NO FEAR AGAINST ACA, CLEAN EXCO MEMBERS TOLD

ALOR SETAR, April 14 (Bernama) -- Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid said today Exco members who are clean should not fear the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) when called up to give statements.

"I think, they should cooperate with the ACA ... the not guilty should not worry," he told reporters after chairing the state planning committee meeting at Wisma Darul Aman, here.

He was asked to comment on the ACA probe against eight Exco members including one from Kedah.

Sanusi said the ACA should be free to investigate any individual suspected of being on the take.

Asked whether he knew the identity of the Kedah Exco member concerned, he said the ACA did not tell him.

"I was not told and I also don't want to know. I knew about it from the papers ... I was in London at the time," he added.

Sanusi said there was no need for the ACA to seek approval from the state government to conduct their investigation against the Exco member.

On opposition's call for those under investigation by the ACA to resign, he said, "The fact is that the opposition wants the whole government to resign. They want to govern without going to the poll."

Sanusi was also asked to comment on Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib's decision to resign as Selangor Menteri Besar from today to safeguard Umno's image and the government as he is involved in a court case in Australia.

"Tan Sri Muhammad's decision to resign is good for the party. I'm sure they (Muhammad and Umno Supreme Council) have discussed the decision in depth," he said.

Muhammad, 51, faces two charges in Brisbane in connection with his attempt to transfer RM2.4 million out of Australia. His decision to resign as Selangor Menteri Besar and from the posts of Selangor and Federal Territory Umno liaison chief and the Selangor and Federal Territory Barisan Nasional chairman was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Saturday after the Umno Supreme Council meeting.

On the existing Exco line-up, Sanusi said there might be a minor reshuffle in June relating to portfolios of the Exco members.

Asked whether he was happy with the performance of existing Exco members, he said, "I'm not even happy with my own performance. How can I be happy with performance of others." -- BERNAMA

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