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ONE KEDAH STATE EXCO MEMBER DROPPED IN NEW LINE-UP

ALOR SETAR, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- One Kedah state executive council member has been dropped while the other nine will be sworn-in for a second term tomorrow, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said tonight.

Sanusi, who had until now been tight lipped about the position of the exco members, said a new face would also be taking his oath before the Sultan of Kedah.

The Menteri Besar declined to reveal the name of the dropped exco member and the reason for his exclusion.

Speaking to reporters here, he said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had already been informed of the new line-up.

Those in the line-up were only given their letters of appointment tonight, barely 12 hours before the swearing-in ceremony at Istana Anak Bukit here.

Sanusi said there would be redistribution of portfolios among the exco members but declined to elaborate.

State exco members in Kedah are appointed for a one-year term unlike in other states where it is for a five-year term.

The 10 existing exco members are Abdullah Hasnan Kamaruddin, Datuk Paduka Abdul Rahman Ibrahim, Syeikh Alias Mustafa, Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, Abdul Rahman Ariffin, Abdul Razak Hashim, Datuk Beh Heng Seong, V. Saravanan, Ahmad Lebai Sudin and Cheung Kai Yan. -- BERNAMA

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