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Second term for nine Kedah exco men

ALOR STAR, Sat. - Only nine of the existing Kedah State Exco members will be sworn in for a second term tomorrow, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid confirmed tonight.

The Exco members and a new face will be sworn in tomorrow before the Sultan of Kedah at Istana Anak Bukit at 9am. The appointment letters were delivered by hand tonight.

Sanusi said there would also be a major reshuffle in the existing portfolios.

"I will inform the Press of the new portfolios after the swearing in ceremony," he said at Wisma Darul Aman.

The present exco members are as follows:

- * Datuk Abdullah Hasnan Kamaruddin (Housing and Local Government)
- * Datuk Abdul Rahman Ibrahim (Health and Welfare Services);
- * Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain (Culture, Arts and Tourism);
- * Datuk Sheikh Alias Mustafa (Education and Youth);
- * Abdul Rahman Ariffin (Sports)
- * Abdul Razak Hashim (Manpower, Environment and Voluntary Bodies);
- * Datuk Beh Heng Seong (Public Transport and Consumer Affairs);
- * V. Saravanan (Public Works);
- * Ahmad Lebai Sudin (Agriculture and Entrepreneur development);
- * Cheung Kai Yan (Industry, Energy and Communications).

Kedah is the only state which limits an exco member to a 12-month tenure.

Sanusi said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had approved the new list and reshuffle.

"I met the Prime Minister in Kuala Lumpur and he agreed to the reshuffle," he said.

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