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KEDAH TO OBSERVE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AS A HOLIDAY

ALOR SETAR, Dec 31 (Bernama) -- The Kedah government has fixed the first Thursday of each month as a holiday for government employees, from next year.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid said that the decision was reached at the state executive council meeting yesterday, in line with the move taken by the federal government.

"However, banks in Kedah are allowed to observe a holiday on the first Saturday of each month," he said here today.

Kedah observes its weekend holiday on Friday while all financial institutions in the state began observing their weekend holiday on Sunday, from last month.

For next year, the Thursday monthly holiday in Kedah will fall on Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4 and Dec 2.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in tabling the 1999 Budget in Parliament in October, announced the monthly holiday, to promote a caring society.

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