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Ex-Kedah MB now personal rep of Dr M

ALOR STAR, Sat. - Former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff has been appointed the new personal representative of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency.

His appointment was effective last Wednesday, a day after he met Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department.

Osman, the Assemblyman for Jitra, one of the four State seats in the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency, confirmed this tonight. (see CORRECTION above)

Osman took over the responsibility from Kubang Pasu Umno division executive secretary Saad Hashim.

Osman, who resigned as Kedah Menteri Besar in 1996, said Dr Mahathir had asked him to give special emphasis on Kubang Pasu Umno division and strengthen the election machinery there.

Asked if the Prime Minister, who is Kubang Pasu MP, was dissatisfied with the strength of Barisan Nasional and Umno in the area, Osman said he was not.

"I did not regard this appointment as an added responsibility as all this while, as Kubang Pasu Umno deputy division chairman and Jitra Assemblyman, I have been looking after the constituency," he said.

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