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Five new faces in Kedah Exco

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ALOR STAR, Sun. - Five new faces, including a State Assemblywoman, are expected to be sworn in as Kedah State Executive Councillors tomorrow.

Except for Alor Merah Assemblyman Ahmad Bashah Md Hanifa who is a third-term Assemblyman, the others - Rosnah Majid (Tanjong Dawai), Professor Datuk Othman Ishak (Jitra), Fadzil Hanafi (Tanjong Seri) and Othman Md Aji (Kulim/Bandar Bharu) - are first-term elected representatives.

Five others expected to be retained are Datuk Zainol Md Isa (Bayu), Hassan Bulat (Ayer Hangat), Datuk Beh Heng Seong (Gurun), Datuk Fong Chok Gin (Sidam) and Datuk V. Saravanan (Bukit Selambau).

All 10 Assemblymen will take their oath of office before the Sultan of Kedah at Istana Anak Bukit, tomorrow.

However, it could not be confirmed whether their term of office will remain a year or until the next general election.

Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain said yesterday he would await advice from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter.

Four Exco members failed to retain their seats in the general election.

They are Datuk Ghazali Ibrahim (Pedu), Datuk Abdullah Hasnan Kamaruddin (Anak Bukit), Ahmad Lebai Sudin (Bukit Lada) and Abdul Rahman Ariffin (Ayer Hitam).

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