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GHANI MEETS PM TOMORROW ON FORMATION OF JOHOR GOVERNMENT

JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said he would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow on the formation of the Johor state government.

"I will meet Dr Mahathir at 2pm and will propose 10 names for the Johor Government Exco line-up for (his) approval," he said here.

He said the names form a combination of all the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties in Johor.

Abdul Ghani said the increase in the number of Exco members from eight to 10 is in line with the amendment to the provisions of the state constitution.

The ceremony for the swearing-in of the Menteri Besar and Exco members is expected to be held on Tuesday or Wednesday after obtaining approval from the Sultan of Johor.

Abdul Ghani also said there will be many new faces in the line-up this time as some of the previous Exco members did not stand for election or switched to parliamentary seats.

Datuk Sabariah Ahmad, former Exco for Agriculture and Rural Development, did not contest in the 10th general election on Monday.

Three others who switched to parliamentary seats were Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad (Exco for Culture, Youth and Sports), Datuk Abdul Kadir Annuar (Exco for Islamic Affairs) and Speaker Datuk Ali Hassan.

Dr Abdul Latiff is the Member of Parliament for Mersing, Abdul Kadir (Pulai) and Ali (Tebrau).

In the general election on Nov 29, BN repeated its 1995 performance by sweeping all the 20 parliamentary and 40 state assembly seats in Johor.

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