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ISA ACCEPTS WAAD'S RESIGNATION

SEREMBAN, Dec 18 (Bernama) -- Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said he will accept Datuk Waad Mansor's resignation as a member of the State Executive Council.

"If he has resigned, then we accept...I don't have anything else to say," he told reporters.

He said Waad's resignation letter was delivered to his office this morning but he had not read it yet.

Waad, 43, who was appointed to the post six days ago following his re-election as Gemencheh assemblyman in the Nov 29 general election, announced his resignation at a press conference today.

His appointment to the exco post by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Isa Abdul Samad had caused a stir among several state Umno leaders who questioned the move as he has two corruption charges pending against him.

Also, the Attorney General's Chambers has filed a notice of appeal against his acquittal on three other corruption charges by the High Court last October.

Asked if Waad had informed him of his decision before announcing it at the press conference, Isa said he did not.

Isa declined to comment when asked to confirm news reports that he met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday over the controversy.

On whether Waad would be reappointed as an exco member if was cleared of the charges against him, Isa said: "I will answer that at the time he is discharged,"

Isa said a new exco member need not be appointed now, as even previously, when Waad gave up his exco post, no one replaced him.

On the move by certain state Umno leaders to "use the media" to oppose Waad's appointment, Isa said: "I don't wish to comment about this. That's their style of doing things."

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