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Isa-Menteri Besar

ISA RETAINED AS NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR

KUALA PILAH, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad has been retained as Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar for the fifth term.

He presented today a letter from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar, proposing him to head the state government as well as the list of Exco members.

"This is a normal process after each election where as head of the winning party Dr Mahathir will present the name of the Menteri Besar," he told reporters after being granted audience by the Yang di-Pertuan Besar at Istana Besar Seri Menanti, near here.

Mohamed Isa was first appointed as Menteri Besar in 1982 at the age of 33.

He said the swearing-in ceremony would be held later.

Mohamed Isa, 50, said he met Dr Mahathir this morning in Putrajaya regarding the Exco members which would be increased from eight to 10.

However, he refused to name those to be appointed and their portfolios.

But three Exco members would definitely not be reappointed. They are Datuk Napsiah Omar and Datuk Goh Siow Huat who switched constituencies from state to parliament and Datuk M.Sundram who was not field in the recent general election.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Menteri Besar Office said the swearing-in of Menteri Besar and Exco members was originally planned for tomorrow but later postponed indefinitely.

He did not say the reason for the postponement.

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