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Kedah-Exco

NUMBER OF KEDAH STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS TO REMAIN AT 10

ALOR SETAR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Newly-appointed Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain said today that he will maintain the number of state executive councillors in the state at 10.

"Of the total, the quota of one portfolio each for the MCA, MIC and Gerakan will also remain," he told reporters after his swearing-in ceremony at Istana Anak Bukit, here.

Syed Razak, 55, took his oath of office as the sixth Kedah Menteri Besar before the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Muadzam Shah. He replaces Tan Sri Sanusi Junid.

Syed Razak said that the quota for the component parties of the Barisan Nasional (BN) had been agreed to by the chairmen of the respective parties at the national level.

He said that the list of the proposed exco line-up had been submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked whether he intends to maintain the system of appointing state executive councillors on a year-to-year basis or to maintain them for five years, he said that the matter had not been decided.

"I have submitted proposals to Dr Mahathir regarding both the systems. It has not been decided yet. As far as I am concerned, either one, there will be no problem," he said.

Kedah is practising the system of year-to-year appointment for state executive councillors, introduced by Sanusi.

Asked on the appointment of the Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, Syed Razak said that he had listed several names for the prime minister to decide.

"He will not be chosen from among the state assemblymen. Only the deputy speaker will be a state assemblyman," he said.

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