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SANUSI DENIES HE IS CONTESTING PARLIAMENTARY SEAT

ALOR SETAR, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid today denied rumours that he will be contesting a parliamentary seat in the Nov 29 general election.

"I can confirm that I will still contest the state seat. Which seat I don't know. Maybe I will defend my Kuah seat," he told reporters after meeting all the former Kedah Barisan Nasional elected representatives at the Umno headquarters, here.

He said the status quo on the seat allocation in term of numbers and areas for the Kedah BN component parties would stay.

In the 1995 general election, BN won 34 out of the 36 state seats and won all 15 parliamentary seats in Kedah.

For the state seats, Umno got 26 seats, MCA four seats, MIC and Gerakan two seats respectively while the parliamentary seats all went to Umno except two which went to the MCA.

Asked when he would be submitting the candidates' list to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Sanusi said: "I don't need to do so. PM knows the candidates better than I am. Maybe he will ask for a little bit of my opinion".

He said the Kedah BN candidates' list had not been finalised as Umno, MIC and Gerakan had yet to finalise their respective list. MCA has already prepared the final list.

Answering another question, Sanusi said there might be some new faces in the forthcoming general election but declined to reveal the numbers.

He believed the BN would perform better this time compared to the last election as people had seen the capabilities of the government in overcoming the country's economic problem.

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