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Sanusi-Reaction

SANUSI URGED TO RECONSIDER DECISION NOT TO CONTINUE AS MB

ALOR SETAR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Sanusi Junid has been urged to reconsider his decision not to continue as Kedah Menteri Besar as his services are still needed.

Kedah MCA vice chairman Datuk Beh Heng Seong said the decision meant a loss to the state since Sanusi had proven his leadership ability.

"We regret losing such an experienced politician. I sincerely hope he would reconsider his decision," Beh said in response to Sanusi's announcement today not to continue as Menteri Besar.

Sanusi said he held himself responsible for the Barisan Nasional's poor show in the 10th general election in which the State BN won 24 of 36 state seats and seven of 15 parliamentary seats.

Kedah MIC chairman V Saravanan was too upset to make any comment while Kedah Gerakan chairman Datuk Fong Chok Gin said the party respected the decisions of Sanusi and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Sanusi is a visionary leader and we hope he would continue to contribute to development in the state," he said.

He said Sanusi should not be held solely responsible for the BN's poor performance in the state.

PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor said it was a loss to the state as Sanusi was a capable and visionary leader.

"He has many ideas but their implementation is rather weak without the support of other leaders," he said.

In KUALA LUMPUR, Wanita Umno permanent chairman Tan Sri Aishah Ghani said all sides should respect the decision made by Sanusi.

"We feel sad with the decision since Tan Sri Sanusi has long been involved in politics and he was once the Umno secretary general," she said when contacted.

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