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Syed Razak-Menteri Besar

SYED RAZAK TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN TOMORROW

ALOR SETAR, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- Senior Exco member Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain, the person widely speculated to succeed Tan Sri Sanusi Junid as Kedah Menteri Besar, is scheduled to have an audience with the Sultan of Kedah at the Istana Anak Bukit here tomorrow.

The Sultan's private secretary Datuk Syed Unan Masri Syed Abdullah said the Sultan had consented to grant the audience to Syed Razak and State Secretary Datuk Ismail Shafie at 10am tomorrow.

Earlier in the day, Syed Razak reiterated that he was also in the dark as everyone else over Sanusi's successor.

"I didn't say that I would be appointed to the post. I don't know who is the candidate. The decision is up to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he told reporters after attending a Barisan Nasional (BN) thanksgiving for voters in the Kubang Rotan state seat which is under the Kuala Kedah parliamentary constituency.

The 55-year-old Exco member had been seen meeting Dr Mahathir twice yesterday and Monday in Putrajaya.

"I met the Prime Minister to discuss political development in Kedah," said the Kubang Rotan assemblyman.

He said the media could find out from the State Secretariat because it communicated with the Prime Minister Office on who would be appointed Kedah Menteri Besar.

On Dec 4, Sanusi announced that he would not accept his re-appointment as he felt responsible for the BN poor showing in the recent general election.

It won 24 of the 36 state seats and seven of the 15 parliamentary seats in the general election.

Syed Razak said he was prepared to service two other state constituencies, Anak Bukit and Pengkalan Kundor where the BN lost to the opposition.

"Although the BN lost there, I can still offer my service. The important thing is to close ranks and forget the conflict before the general election," he said.

Kuala Kedah parliamentary seat and state seats of Anak Bukit and Pengkalan Kundor were won by PAS.

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