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State Exco, BN backs PM's choice

KLANG, Fri. - Selangor Umno will hold a special meeting tomorrow to endorse the appointment of Sungai Panjang State Assemblyman Dr Mohd Khir Toyo as the 13th Menteri Besar of Selangor.

The new State Umno liaison committee chairman Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said the State Umno fully supported the decision of the Prime Minister and would give their fullest co-operation and support to Dr Mohd Khir.

"Dr Mohd Khir could be the youngest politician to ever hold the position of Menteri Besar in Selangor. But, we are confident he would be a good administrator and leader."

Muhammad who had 11 years of experience as Menteri Besar of Selangor and Dr Mohd Khir are expected to work together for the development and progress of the State.

Asked why Dr Mahathir had chosen someone who was not among the 11 names submitted by the State Umno last Friday, Muhammad said the State Umno had made it clear that they would also fully support any other candidate selected and appointed by Dr Mahathir.

"The State Umno fully respects the decision of Dr Mahathir," he added.

Muhammad said he was thankful to the Umno leadership for having entrusted him with the important post.

Meanwhile several State Exco members and Barisan Nasional component party leaders congratulated Dr Mohd Khir on his appointment as the new Menteri Besar.

Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Ahmad said he and the State Exco members would extend their full co-operation and support to Dr Mohd Khir in his daily State administration especially in the State development and realisation of vision 2005.

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