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KADIR UNAWARE OF SPECULATION ON SWITCH TO ANOTHER MINISTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir said today he does not know whether he will be involved in the much speculated Cabinet reshuffle.

"I have not heard any such rumour.... I don't see why there should be any reshuffle," he said when asked to comment on speculation that he would be moved to another ministry.

The present Cabinet was only a year-old and was still new, Abdul Kadir said.

"Perhaps the Prime Minister has other views, I do not know. It does not matter. In our system we abide by the Prime Minister's decision," he told reporters at the "Malaysia Open House" on the occasion of Hari Raya Aidilfitri at Istana Budaya in Jalan Tun Razak here.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah graced the open house. Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, foreign diplomats, foreign tourists and city folks.

Kadir said the resignation announcement by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman came as a shock to him as he earlier had not heard any rumours about it either.

Dr Hamid announced yesterday that he had tendered his resignation as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department to the Prime Minister before Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad left for Myanmar on Wednesday,

Kadir said that as a member of the Cabinet, he would continue with his normal duties and would await further instructions from the Prime Minister.

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