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KEDAH UMNO LEADERS READY TO STEP ASIDE

ALOR STAR, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno leaders are ready to step aside, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said today.

This was the best way left to them so that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi could find appropriate replacements, he said.

He said the Kedah Umno leaders were willing to withdraw and not contest in the general election if they felt they could not render effective service to the people.

Syed Razak was speaking to reporters after seeing off 80 Haj pilgrims at the Sultan Abdul Halim Airport at Kepala Batas near here.

The Menteri Besar said this when responding to the comments by the Prime Minister that the present leaders step down to enable Abdullah who is scheduled to succeed Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in October "rearrange things".

Syed Razak also said that the leadership knew who could work and who could not based on their respective performance records.

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