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Syed Razak: Dr Mahathir to give Kedah BN the edge in election

ALOR STAR, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's contributions to Kedah Barisan Nasional will give the coalition an edge in the general election, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said.

He said Dr Mahathir would assist Kedah BN secure more than a two-thirds majority in the State Assembly.

Syed Razak said Dr Mahathir, after his retirement, would contribute his time and energy to Kedah BN in his capacity as Kubang Pasu MP.

He added that Kedah Umno would also benefit from Dr Mahathir's advice as he would still be Kubang Pasu Umno division chief.

"The combination of Dr Mahathir and Kedah BN will bring us greater success in the general election," he told reporters after chairing the State Executive Council meeting here.

Last month it was reported that Syed Razak had written to Dr Mahathir asking him to be Kedah BN adviser. But Dr Mahathir has yet to respond to the request.

Asked how confident he was that Dr Mahathir would take up the offer, Syed Razak said: "He is after all from Kedah and a wakil rakyat, so I am confident that he will play an active role in Kedah after he retires."

On another matter, Syed Razak said Kedah would start flying pilgrims for the haj from Alor Star to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, from Dec 27 to Jan 2.

He said the twice-daily flights would leave Sultan Abdul Halim Airport in Kepala Batas and transit for an hour at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, before continuing to Jeddah.