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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be the new chairman of the Kelantan Barisan Nasional, and Youth and Sports Minister Haji Annuar Musa will be the deputy chairman. This was disclosed today by Haji Annuar who said he was informed so by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir yesterday.

The state BN would be restructured for the appointments, he told reporters after presenting reward cheques to six badminton players for their performance in the recent Asian Badminton Confederation championships.

Former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Yaacob held the post of state BN chairman before Kelantan fell to the opposition in the past general election in October last year.

Haji Annuar said he will meet various committees in Kelantan over three days from May 9 to discuss problems affecting Muslims and the Chinese community there. -- more

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On the two MCA members who accepted their appointment to the state's Committee on Non-Muslim Affairs, Haji Annuar, who is also the Federal Government representative in Kelantan, said it was a domestic affair of the MCA and he was confident that the party could handle it.

Haji Annuar declined to comment on the threat by the PAS-led Kelantan state government to cut off water supply to Federal Government projects in Kelantan, including for agricultural needs, if the freeze on padi fertiliser subsidy continued.

+All I can say is that it will only hurt the people,+ he said.

On a report that Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Aziz Nik Mat was irked that Haji Annuar did not refer to him as +Tok Guru+, Haji Annuar said he would call him by his full name always if that was what it took for the state to approve land for Federal Government use.

According to the report, Haji Nik Aziz had rejected a Federal Government request for land to build a youth centre in the state because he was dissatisfied with Haji Annuar. -- Bernama

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