

Minor Reshuffle In Selangor Exco Portfolios
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SHAH ALAM, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- The Selangor government today reshuffled some of its executive council portfolios following the swearing-in of Dr Ahmad Yunus Hairi as the state executive councillor in place of Datuk Dr Hasan Ali who was removed following his sacking from PAS.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim announced today that the portfolios of Islamic Affairs, Infrastructure and Public Amenities previously held by Dr Hasan had been taken over by himself.

He also said that the Malay Customs portfolio, also previously held by Dr Hasan, has been assigned to Dr Ahmad Yunus along with the Youth and Sports portfolio. The menteri besar had been hitherto in charge of youth and sports.

Dr Ahmad Yunus, 47, a medical doctor and state assemblyman for Sijangkang, was sworn in as a state executive councillor today before the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, taking over from Dr Hasan who was sacked from PAS on Jan 8.

Abdul Khalid said Dr Ahmad Yunus was assigned the Youth and Sports portfolio as he has been assisting in the running of that portfolio.

"I believe Dr Ahmad Yunus can discharge his duties well based on his background as a doctor who has been of much service to the people," he told a news conference after the swearing-in at the Istana Bukit Kayangan here.

Abdul Khalid also announced that Meru state assemblyman Dr Abd Rani Osman and Bandar Baru Bangi state assemblyman Dr Shafie Abu Bakar have been appointed chairman of the Rural Poor Micro Credit Scheme (SKIMSEL) and Malay Customs Corporation (PADAT), respectively.

The two posts had been held by Dr Hasan.

At the same news conference, Dr Ahmad Yunus said his appointment as a state executive councillor was unexpected as there was speculation that Dr Abd Rani had been proposed for the post.

Dr Abd Rani, who is the Selangor PAS commissioner, explained that he was not interested in becoming a state executive councillor.

"I give my blessings to Dr Ahmad Yunus on his appointment as the new state executive councillor and abide by the decision of the PAS central committee to nominate him for the post," he said.

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