

Federal Gov't And State Leaders Start Taking Oath
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Monday took his oath of office as Prime Minister after yesterday's 13th General Election while several states appointed their leaders as well.

Najib took his oath for the second term before the Yang diPertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah at Balai Rong Seri, Istana Negara at 4.07 Monday evening following BN's win of 133 out of 222 parliamentary seats enabling it to form the Federal government.

Najib, 59, made history as he and his late father Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, who became Malaysia's second prime minister in 1970, were sworn in before the same Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Kedah and Kelantan received new Menteris Besar while Sabah retained its Chief Minister.

In Alor Setar, BN Kedah deputy chairman Datuk Mukhriz Tun Mahathir took oath as Menteri Besar at Istana Anak Bukit after the party won 21 of the 36 state seats which were contested.

Kedah was under PAS rule for the past five years with Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak as menteri besar.

In Kota Bharu, Kelantan PAS deputy commissioner I Datuk Ahmad Yakob was appointed as the state's 18th Menteri Besar replacing Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who held the position since 1990.

Ahmad, who was the deputy menteri besar, took his oath before Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V at Istana Negeri Kubang Kerian.

PAS retained the state by winning 32 of the 45 state seats at the polls on Sunday.

Meanwhile, in KOTA KINABALU, Datuk Seri Musa Aman returned to lead Sabah after being appointed its Chief Minister for a fourth term. He took oath before the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Juhar Mahiruddin at Istana Negeri at 5.10 pm Monday evening.

BN retained Sabah by a two-third majority after taking 48 of its 60 state seats.

Melaka and Johor are also set to get a new Chief Minister and Menteri Besar respectively following the reshuffling of the incumbents from state to parliamentary seats.

Former Melaka chief minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam was moved from the Bukit Baru state to Bukit Katil parliamentary seat whereas former Johor menteri besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman left his Serom state seat to contest in the Gelang Patah parliamentary seat.

However, both of them failed to win the new seats which they contested.

Several other states including Perak and Penang are expected to appoint their leaders Tuesday, while Selangor has said it would name its Menteri Besar in a week's time.

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