

**Mukhriz Mahathir Sworn In As Kedah Menteri Besar
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ALOR SETAR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Kedah Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairman Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir was sworn in today as the menteri besar of Kedah at the Istana Anak Bukit here.

Mukhriz, 49, took his oath of office, to become the 10th menteri besar of Kedah after independence, before the four members of the Kedah Council of Regency chaired by Tan Sri Tunku Annuar Sultan Badlishah. The other three members are Tan Sri Tunku Sallehuddin Sultan Badlishah, Datuk Seri Tunku Abdul Hamid Thani Sultan Badlishah and Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

Also present at the event were Mukhriz's parents, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali; Kedah BN chairman Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah and Mukhriz's wife Datin Norzieta Zakaria.

Former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak, who helmed the previous state government, led by PAS, did not attend the function as he is believed to be unwell.

In the 13th General Election yesterday, the BN won 21 of the 36 seats in the state legislative assembly to wrest the state from Pakatan Rakyat and form the new state government.

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