

**Mohamed Khaled Sworn In As Johor Menteri Besar
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JOHOR BAHRU, May 14 (Bernama) - Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin was on Tuesday sworn in as Johor Menteri Besar before the Sultan of Johor, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar.

The Permas State Assemblyman was sworn in at about 10.40am in the Johor State Assembly, Sultan Ibrahim building, Bukit Timbalan.

Mohamed Khaled took over as Johor Menteri Besar from Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman who held the post for 18 years from 1995.

Also sworn in were nine state assemblymen to fill nine posts as State Executive Councillors (Exco members).

The nine appointed exco members include two who were reappointed and an MCA state assemblyman appointed by the Sultan to represent the Chinese community in Johor.

Under the Johor State Constitution 1895, the Sultan of Johor has the right to appoint state exco members.

The MCA had decided to decline all federal and state government posts following its disastrous showing in the 13th general election (GE13).

In his speech, Mohamed Khaled said he was grateful for the trust given by the Sultan of Johor to appoint him as the Johor Menteri Besar.

"Indeed, the trust and responsibility of the Johor Menteri Besar will be discharged accordingly."

He thanked Johor people for giving Barisan Nasional (BN) a new mandate to govern the state and will continue to champion the people from all levels of society.

The ceremony was also attended by Tunku Mahkota of Johor, Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim, members of the Royal Council, state assemblymen including from the opposition.

In GE13, BN won 38 seats out of 56 state seats and 21 of 26 parliamentary seats contested in Johor.

Johor State Executive Council

* Menteri Besar - Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin

* Md Jais Sarday (Mahkota) - Chairman of Education, Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Committee.

* Asiah Ariff (Johor Lama) - Chairman of Women and Family Development Committee.

* Hasni Mohamad (Benut) - Chairman of Public Works , Rural and Regional Development Committee.

* R.Vidyanathan (Kahang) - Chairman of Unity and Human Resources Committee.

- * Abdul Mutalib Abdul Rahim (Layang-Layang) - Chairman of Religious Affairs Committee.
- * Latif Bandi (Endau) - Chairman of Housing and Local Government Committee.
- * Ismail Mohamed (Bukit Serampang) - Chairman of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry Committee.
- * Zulkurnain Kamisan (Sri Medan) - Chairman of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage Committee.
- * Datuk Tee Siew Kiong (Pulai Sebatang) - Chairman of Tourism, Trade and Consumerism.

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