

**Mukhriz resigns as Kedah MB**  
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**Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir announced his resignation with immediate effect in a press conference held at Wisma Darul Aman this morning. — TRP pic by Adib Hakim**

**ALOR SETAR,** The Kedah political stand-off ended just now with Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir announcing his resignation as Menteri Besar with immediate effect.

Mukhriz said the decision was made after he lost the support of the majority of state assemblymen.

“To avoid this conflict being prolonged to a point it affects the state’s administration and ends up becoming a disadvantage to the rakyat, I take the stand to let go of my position as MB effective immediately,” Mukhriz announced at a press conference at Wisma Darul Aman here, this morning.

“This is something that has to be done as a result of a movement aimed at toppling me from the state’s highest post, as well as an attempt to shut my mouth from voicing out the concerns of the rakyat on various national issues.”

Mukhriz alleged that the movement happened following his statement criticising Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak on the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) issue and the RM2.6 billion political donation matter as well as the rising costs of living.

“The criticism they are talking about is the 1MDB scandal and the RM2.6 billion donation and the increase of the rakyat’s costs of living following the implementation of the GST (goods and services tax),” Mukhriz claimed.

“The rakyat’s suffering from this burden became worse when the scandal involved a large amount of misappropriation of the rakyat’s money,” he further alleged.

Meanwhile, Mukhriz also named Datuk Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah as the new Kedah Menteri Besar.

Mukhriz said he remained the Ayer Hitam state assemblyman and also pledged his continued allegiance to Umno.

Mukhriz said he had received the offer of a deputy minister’s post from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak but had rejected it.

The first-term Menteri Besar said he had also relinquished his position as president of the Kedah Football Association.

On his position as state Umno liaison chief, he said it was up to party president Najib to decide on it.

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