

**Ahmad Bashah Can Bring More Progress to Kedah - Najib
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KULIM (Kedah), Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today he is convinced that new Kedah Menteri Besar Seri Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah has the capability to bring more progress to Kedah.

He said he believed that Ahmad Bashah could carry out his duties effectively for the welfare and betterment of the people.

"My colleagues and I (in the federal government) extend our congratulations to Ahmad Bashah as the new Menteri Besar and wish him well in carrying out his duties," he said at the outset of his speech when opening Sekolah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil (SJKT) Paya Besar in Lunas here.

Ahmad Bashah, Education Minister Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid, Health Minister and MIC President Datuk Seri Dr S. Subramaniam and Deputy Education Minister Datuk P. Kamalanathan were also present at the event.

Ahmad Bashah, 66, who is the state assemblyman for Bakar Bata, was sworn in yesterday as the 12th menteri besar of Kedah at Istana Anak Bukit in Alor Setar, replacing Datuk Seri Mukhriz Tun Mahathir who had resigned a day earlier citing loss of majority support in the state legislative assembly.

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