

Appointment of MB based on State Constitution -- Raja Perlis

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KANGAR, May 13 (Bernama)-- The Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail said the appointment of the Menteri Besar would be based on the State Constitution and not made to fulfil the interest of an individual or group.

According to him, the Menteri Besar who would be appointed must be able to implement the planned development projects now that Perlis has become an opposition state after Barisan Nasional lost to Pakatan Harapan (PH) in the 14th general election (GE14) on Wednesday.

"The decision I will make will be in the name of the people," said Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin who was aware the people were uneasy when no candidate had been announced for the Menteri Besar post.

He was speaking at the closing of a Village Sunnah programme in Alwi Mosque here tonight.

The programme, the fifth in the series which began on Friday was attended by Muslims from several countries such as Singapore, Brunei, Thailand and Indonesia.

The Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Puan Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil were present at the ceremony.

BN retained power in Perlis when it won 10 out of 15 seats in the State Legislative Assembly and the Menteri Besar before GE14 was Datuk Seri Azlan Man.

Perlis UMNO Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim was reported to

have submitted several names including his younger brother Datuk Ismail Kassim to Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin two days ago for his consent.

"Some names have been brought to me but I have not made a decision as I do not know them at all.

"the winning party should have brought the candidates to be presented to me but it did not take place," he said.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin advised the people to be patient while awaiting the appointment of the Menteri Besar as in 2008 the appointment took up to two weeks.

He hoped Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad would not marginalise Perlis as an opposition state and he also congratulated PH for winning GE14.

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