

NS assembly meet put off

Speaker, deputy and over 20 staffers Covid positive

SEREMBAN: The first meeting of the Negri Sembilan state assembly's fifth session which was scheduled to start yesterday has been postponed to a later date after the Speaker and his deputy tested positive for Covid-19.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun said he and State Secretary Datuk Dr Razali Ab Malik had an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Almarhum Tuanku

Munawir in the morning to inform him of the matter and to seek consent to adjourn the meeting.

Tuanku Muhriz was scheduled to open the four-day sitting.

"Apart from the two leaders, 23 officers, including department heads in the state, have been infected with Covid-19.

"This is the first time the state assembly meeting has been postponed, and it is due to the pandemic.

"According to the Standing Orders, a temporary Speaker can be appointed, but because many state legislature staffers are also infected with Covid-19, the meeting had to be postponed," he told reporters.

Meanwhile, the state government has also received cooperation from the Negri Sembilan Association of the Deaf to provide a sign language service to ensure that the hearing impaired can follow the state legislature's proceedings. — Bernama