

SPEAKER GETS DEFENCE JOB

ABANG Abu Bakar bin Datuk Bandar Abang Haji Mustapha, 40, the incoming Deputy Defence Minister, was the Speaker of the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly for five years.

He resigned from the post on March 26 this year to contest the Paloh Parliamentary constituency by-election and was returned unopposed on May 4.

He is now a vice-president of Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu Sarawak (PBB).

Abang Abu Bakar, 40, was educated, at the St. Thomas Secondary School in Kuching and the Malay College in Kuala Kangsar before he went to Australia to matriculate.

He joined the Adelaide University and later studied law at the Inner Temple in London.

Abang Abu Bakar is married to Tunku Maziah, Tunku Mustapha of the Negri Sembilan royal family. They have a daughter and twin sons.