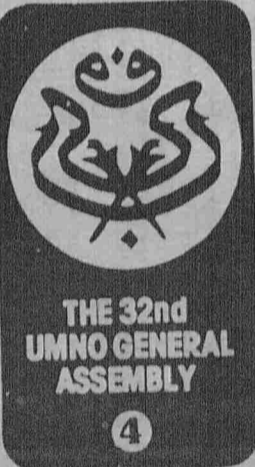


DATUK MUSA'S RISE AS A NATIONAL LEADER



Supporters congratulating Datuk Musa after the result of the contest for the deputy-presidency was announced



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PRESIDENT**



Datuk Musa speaking to reporters after he was declared the new Umno deputy-president

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Datuk Musa Hitam, who entered politics in 1964 when he accepted the post of political secretary to the then Minister of Transport, Tun Sardon Jubir, has the distinction of serving under three Prime Ministers so far.

A year later, he was appointed Umno executive secretary by Tunku Abdul Rahman and in 1968 he won the Segamat Utara parliamentary by-election. He was again returned in the 1969 general election.

Datuk Musa, now 47, was then appointed Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister in Tunku Abdul Rahman's Cabinet.

After only four months, his services were terminated and he left for

Britain to pursue his Masters in international relations at the Sussex University for a year.

On his return he accepted a teaching post at the University of Malaya.

In 1971, Datuk Musa was elected vice-chairman of Umno Youth Malaysia, marking his return to active politics.

He was appointed chairman of Felda the same year at about the time of the launching of the Second Malaysia Plan under the Prime Ministership of the late Tun Abdul Razak.

Tun Abdul Razak then appointed him Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry in January 1973 under Datuk Hussein Onn,

who was then holding the portfolio.

Datuk Musa became a full Cabinet Minister and held the Primary Industries portfolio from September 1974 to December 1977 when he became Education Minister.

He was elected vice-president of Umno on Sept. 15, 1978, together with Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and Encik Abdul Ghafar Baba. He is also the deputy liaison chief of Umno Johore.

Datuk Musa, who won the Labis parliamentary seat in 1974 and again in 1978, was appointed chairman of the Malacca State Umno liaison committee on May 19, 1978.

Educated at the English College, Johore Baru, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Malaya.

He was an active student leader, holding various posts in a number of student organisations. He was vice-president of the Pan-Malayan Students' Federation from 1956 to 1957.

His student activities took him to Leiden, Holland, where he served as associate secretary of the International Student Conference from 1957-1959.

Datuk Musa began his career as Assistant District Officer in Kluang from 1959 to 1964. — Bernama.

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