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FORMER BOOKIE MADE DATUK

KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) -- A former bookie who was placed under restricted residence for two years has been awarded a "Datukship", Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob revealed last night.

He said the man was made a "Datuk" five years after his restricted residence order was lifted.

Megat Junid suggested that palaces exercise greater caution in future by investigating the background of persons who were selected for awards.

"The palaces can refer to the police on the background of any person before conferring an award," he told reporters at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport at Subang near here last night after sending off Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who left for his official visit to three Balkan states. -- Bernama

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