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SULEIMAN OVERWHELMED WITH HIS NEW APPOINTMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Deputy Information Minister Datuk Suleiman Mohamed is overwhelmed by his appointment as chairman of the Federal Territory Umno Liaison Committee.

Speaking to reporters after presenting compensation to Kampung Baharu Seberang squatters affected by the KL Linear City development project, he vowed to do justice to the confidence shown by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

This is the first time since 1972 that a division head from the Federal Territory has been appointed to the post, which was previously held by former Umno deputy president Tun Ghafar Baba and former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib.

Dr Mahathir, who chaired a three-and-a-half hour meeting today, also announced the appointment of Selangor Menteri Besar-designate Datuk Abu Hassan Omar as the new chairman of the Selangor Umno Liaison Committee.

The appointments follow Muhammad's resignation as Menteri Besar and chairman of both liaison committees on April 14.

Suleiman, who is Titiwangsa MP, said he will continue with Muhammad's efforts and refer to the party leadership on decisions pertaining to party matters.

At the function, 47 families who are required to move before May 24, were paid RM22,000 each.

KL Linear City Sdn Bhd Chairman Datuk Kamarudin Jaffar said the company spent almost RM30 million on compensation. -- BERNAMA

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