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TAJUDDIN ABDUL RAHMAN RETURNS TO UMNO

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Former Umno Youth exco member Tajuddin Abdul Rahman who was sacked from Umno in June 1995 has been accepted back by the party.

Tajuddin, 49, who was also the former Pasir Salak Umno Youth divisional chief and former Perak Umno Youth vice chief, was expelled by the Umno Supreme Council for indulging in money politics during the divisional election in 1995.

Contacted by telephone at his residence here tonight, Tajuddin said he received a letter today informing him that his membership had been restored.

The letter dated Dec 25 was signed by Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik, he said.

"The Umno Supreme Council in fact had agreed to readmit me into the party on Oct 9, 1996, and the delay in sending me the letter could be due to the Umno leadership elections and the appointment of a new secretary-general at the time," he said.

Expressing happiness over his readmission, Tajuddin said: "Today is the most meaningful day in my political carrier after waiting everyday for more than a year and a half to return to the Umno fold.

"I am thankful to God and to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and all members of the Umno Supreme Council for their willingness to accept me back into Umno," he said.

"I promise to be a loyal member of Umno and am prepared to cooperate and serve to the best of ability in pursuing the party's struggles," he added.

Tajuddin also said he wanted to forget about the past and instead look forward to contribute to the party, race, religion and country.

He added he would return to his former Sungai Tungku branch and Pasir Salak division. -- BERNAMA

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