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Anwar made deputy PM on Dec 1, 1993

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, 51, who was removed from all Government positions today was appointed Deputy Prime Minister on Dec 1, 1993 soon after winning the post of Umno deputy president.

He won the coveted Umno post after the incumbent, Tun Ghafar Baba, withdrew from the race. Ghafar was then also Deputy Prime Minister.

Anwar joined Umno in 1982, a year after Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad took office as Prime Minister, and weeks before the year's general election.

He wrested the Permatang Pauh parliamentary seat from Pas and went on to win the post of the division's head.

He was immediately appointed Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Months later he took on the incumbent Umno Youth leader Datuk Suhaimi Kamaruddin for the movement's leadership and won with a 10-vote margin.

In the 1984 contest, he warded off the challenge by Suhaimi to firmly establish himself as the movement's head.

In 1986, he retained the post when he defeated challenger Datuk Syed Hamid Albar. Anwar was elected vice-president of the party the following year.

In 1983, Anwar became a member of the Cabinet when he was appointed Culture, Youth and Sports Minister.

A year later, he was made Agriculture Minister, a position he held until 1986 when he became Education Minister.

In 1991, Anwar took over from Datuk Paduka Daim Zainuddin (now Tun) as Finance Minister after the latter resigned.

He is also chairman of various Cabinet committees, including the Cabinet committee of Government Management, Cabinet Committee on Social Ills, Cabinet Committee on Foreign Workers and Cabinet Committee of Essential Goods.

He founded the Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (Malaysian Islamic Youth Council) and the multi-religious Malaysian Youth Council in 1971. He was president of both the organisations until he joined Umno.

As a Universiti Malaya student, he was president of the National Association of Muslim Students.

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