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Ministers

DAIM AND KASITAH SWORN IN AS MINISTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Tun Daim Zainuddin today took his oath of office before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar as Special Functions Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam was also sworn in as Land and Cooperative Development Minister at the ceremony held at Istana Negara, here.

Their appointments were announced on Wednesday by the Prime Minister's Department.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim were present.

The Chief Justice of the Federal Court Tun Eusoff Chin, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, Works Minister Datuk Seri S.Samy Vellu and Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali were also present.

Daim, 60, was Finance Minister from 1984 and 1991 and henceforth, economic adviser to the government.

He is also executive director of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC), a consultative body to the Cabinet in tackling the country's economic problems.

In his new post, Daim is responsible for matters concerning economic development.

Meanwhile, Kasitah is no stranger to the Cabinet, having held posts of Minister in the Prime Minister's Department from 1986 to 1988 and Land and Regional Development Minister between 1989 and 1990.

Kasitah was sworn in as a Senator yesterday to enable him take up the ministerial appointment.

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