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PM'S PRESS SEC HASHIM MADE SPECIAL ASSISTANT

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister's Press Secretary Hashim Makaruddin and his assistant Zakaria Wahab, two Bernama staff on secondment to the Prime Minister's Department, have been promoted with effect from today.

Hashim, 48, now holds the post of Special Assistant to the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The post fell vacant since April last year.

Prior to joining the Prime Minister's Department, Hashim was the Press Secretary to Tun Daim Zainuddin, then Finance Minister, from 1985 to 1991.

Hashim also holds the post of Editor-in-Chief of the Malaysian National News Agency (Bernama).

Zakaria, 40, the Assistant Press Secretary since 1992, succeeds Hashim.

The New Straits Times (NST) journalist Sufi Yusoff, 26, who once served with the Terengganu NST Bureau, takes over from Zakaria.

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