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Sakaran

KING REAPPOINTS SAKARAN FOR ANOTHER TERM

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 28 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today presented a letter for the re-appointment of Tun Sakaran Dandai as Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri for another four-year term from Jan 1 at Istana Negara here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Sabah Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali, Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Chong Kah Kiat were present.

Sakaran, 68, was appointed Sabah's eighth Yang Dipertua Negeri on Jan 1995 and his current term of office would expire end of the month.

Prior to that he served as Sabah Chief Minister for nine months after the Barisan Nasional (BN) formed the governing coalition in early 1994.

Sakaran was born in Semporna in Sabah's east coast and attended religious school from 1945 to 1948 and completed Malay school also in 1948.

He has the distinction of being the only state political leader who won and retained the Sulabayan constituency in seven successive state elections.

Sakaran had also served the federal cabinet as Land and Cooperative Development Minister.

He was conferred the Darjah Yang Mulia Pangkuan Negara Darjah Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara which carries the title "Tun" by Tuanku Ja'afar on June 12 1996.

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