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SYED AHMAD REAPPOINTED AS MELAKA'S HEAD OF STATE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 30 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar today re-appointed Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin as the Yang di-Pertua Negeri of Melaka.

The new term will be the fourth for the 73-year-old head of state. Syed Ahmad current term ends on Friday.

But, the new appointment will only be for a half-term (two years) and will end on Dec 4, 2000.

Syed Ahmad, who has been Melaka's head of state since Dec 4, 1984, received his letter of appointment from Tuanku Jaafar at the Istana Negara here.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail and Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Mohamed Yaa'cob.

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