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ABDUL KADIR TALIB IS CHIEF IMAM-DESIGNATE OF PUTRA MOSQUE

BALING, July 8 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Talib, a former Federal Territory mufti, is expected to be appointed the first chief imam of the Putra Mosque in Putrajaya, the new federal administrative capital.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said today the appointment would be formalised soon upon completion of negotiations between the PM's Department and Abdul Kadir.

He told reporters this after launching the Kedah southern zone Islamic School Co-curricular Council here.

Abdul Kadir, 70, was Federal Territory mufti from 1991 to 1996.

Abdul Hamid said the Putra Mosque would also serve as a model for mosque-management.

It was first used for Friday prayers last week and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was among the devout who performed such prayers there that day.

Dr Mahathir started operating from his Putrajaya office on June 21.

The Putra Mosque, which can accommodate 15,000 people, has a pink dome and a 116m-tall minaret.

Facing a man-made lake, the mosque is in the vicinity of the Prime Minister's Department complex.

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