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Adnan-Appointment

ADNAN SWORN-IN AS PAHANG MENTERI BESAR

PEKAN, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob was today sworn-in as the 14th Pahang Menteri Besar before Sultan Ahmad Shah at the Istana Abu Bakar here.

Adnan had earlier received his letter of appointment from Sultan Ahmad Shah.

All 37 newly elected state assemblymen were present.

Adnan, 49, had taken over as Menteri Besar from Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob on May 25 this year following a minor Cabinet reshuffle.

The reshuffle then saw Khalil made Information Minister and Umno secretary general.

"My objective is to continue bringing development to the people and the state," he said after the swearing-in ceremony.

He urged all state assemblymen, including those from the opposition, to give their cooperation and to put forward constructive views or criticisms.

Adnan said the state government would pursue a balanced development between spiritual and physical policies.

On the State Executive Council lineup, Adnan said he would meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad soon and the lineup could be announced by Wednesday or Thursday.

Adnan, born on April 18, 1950 in Bentong, Pahang, is married to Datin Junaini Kassim and the couple have two sons and two daughters.

He graduated from Universiti Malaya in 1975, obtained a Diploma in Education from the same university two years later and pursued a two-year law course at the Universiti Islam Antarabangsa in 1984.

Adnan, the Bentong Umno division Youth chief between 1982 and 1987 and then the Bentong Umno division chief since 1987, successfully defended his Pelangai state seat by defeating Dr Abdul Wahid Ahmad Shuhaime of Keadilan by a 2,119-vote majority in the just concluded 10th general election.

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