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ADNAN SWORN IN AS PAHANG NEW MB

PEKAN, May 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Adnan Yaakob today took his oath of office as Pahang's new Menteri Besar before Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah at Istana Abu Bakar here.

Speaking at the function, the Sultan described Adnan taking the helm of the state government at the onset of the new millennium as historic.

The Sultan reminded Adnan to discharge his responsibilities with sincerity and seek the cooperation of elected representatives, government officers and the public in ensuring continued prosperity for Pahang.

The Sultan cautioned the people against working in factions which could destabilise the state administration and development.

Adnan, 49, succeeded Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob who has been appointed the new Information Minister replacing Datuk Mohamed Rahmat in last Thursday's minor Cabinet reshuffle.

The Sultan also commended Khalil for his contribution to the state's overall development and well-being during his tenure as Menteri Besar.

Later in KUANTAN, Adnan indicated to reporters that he would revamp the state executive council line-up soon.

But he would first discuss the matter with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and seek the consent of the Sultan over the proposed new line-up.

"I'm not ruling out the possibility of new executive councillors being appointed. Let's all wait and see whether this takes place in a week's time," he told reporters at Wisma Sri Pahang.

He pledged to render whatever help to the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) to expedite recovery from the current economic problems.

Adnan has been Pelangai state assemblyman since 1986 and served as state executive councillor holding various portfolios since 1990.

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