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AZIZ SHAMSUDDIN SWORN IN AS SENATOR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- The prime minister's political secretary, Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin, 62, was sworn in as senator before Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Mohamed Ya'acob at the parliament house today.

His three-year term took effect yesterday.

Among those present at the swearing-in ceremony were Deputy Dewan Negara president Senator Datuk Michael Chen, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Ibrahim Ali, Senator Rosli Mat Hassan, Senator Kamilia Ibrahim and Senator Faridah Abu Hassan.

Abdul Aziz served as special officer to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from 1975 before being appointed as his political secretary in 1981 when Dr Mahathir succeeded Tun Hussein Onn as prime minister.

He studied at the Sultan Idris Teachers' Training College and later obtained a bachelor's degree in international relations.

Asked later by reporters whether he will continue to serve as the prime minister's political secretary, Abdul Aziz said: "From what I know from the prime minister, I will continue to be his political secretary. For the time being that is".

Thanking Dr Mahathir for the appointment, he said: "For me, this appointment is a trust placed in me. I hope that the help of friends including the media, will assist me in carrying out my duties".

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