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Uggah-Appointment

DOUGLAS UGGAH APPOINTED DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PM'S DEPARTMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today announced the appointment of Datuk Douglas Uggah Embas, of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), as Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

It is a promotion for Uggah, 44. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Rural Development Ministry before his new appointment.

Uggah won the Betong parliamentary seat in Sarawak uncontested in the just-concluded 10th general election and in the 1995 general election.

His appointment was announced through a statement issued by the Prime Minister's office in Putrajaya.

According to the statement, Uggah will take his oath of office before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the other ministers and deputy ministers on Tuesday.

Uggah, a PBB Supreme Council member, was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department in 1990 and moved to the Rural Development Ministry in the same capacity in 1995.

He held the Betong parliamentary seat since 1986 when he won the seat in the general election that year with a majority of 7,173 votes, in a three-corner fight.

Born in Spaoh, Betong, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts (honours) degree majoring in economics from Universiti Malaya in 1976.

He served as political secretary to the Sarawak Chief Minister from 1977 to 1986.

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