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Senate-president

MOHAMED YAACOB RE-APPOINTED AS DEWAN NEGARA PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Mohamed Ya'acob has been reappointed as Dewan Negara President of the 10th Parliament.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had proposed the re-appointment of Mohamed, 73.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who represented the Prime Minister, read out the proposal at the first sitting of the Dewan Negara here today. Senator Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman supported Mohamed's re-appointment.

Mohamed was first appointed as Dewan Negara President in December 1996.

In his brief speech, he thanked the government for re-appointing him to the post and pledged to do his best to discharge with full responsibilities duties entrusted to him.

He also reminded members of the Senate to carry out their duties with dedication as expected of them by the people.

The Kelantan-born father of five was president of the Muar Sessions Court in Johor in 1960 after completing his law degree at the Lincoln's Inn, England and getting his Barrister-at-Law in 1958.

Mohamed had also served as Education Minister (1973), Energy, Technology and Research Minister (1974) and Public Enterprises Minister (1976), before becoming Kelantan Menteri Besar from 1978 to 1990.

Today's sitting also saw six Senators taking their oath of office before the president for a three-year term. They are Abdillah Abdul Rahim, (Sarawak), Benedict Bujang Tembak (Sarawak), Datuk Karim Ghani (Sabah), Datuk Hazizah Mohd Sultan (Melaka), Hassan Shukri (Terengganu) and Safinah Jusoh (Terengganu).

Today's sitting passed, without being debated, the Consolidated Fund (Expenditure on account) Bill 1999 which authorised expenditure for part of the year ending Dec 31 totalling RM18.4 billion which had been approved by the Dewan Rakyat on Dec 23.

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