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MUSA REPLACES NAJIB AS EDUCATION MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- Former Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia Tan Sri Musa Mohamad was named Education Minister in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's new Cabinet line-up announced today.

He takes over from Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who moves back to the Ministry of Defence.

Musa, 56, a non-political figure who came out of the blue in the new Cabinet, was a former Chairman of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka and a member of the MARA Higher Advisory Council on Educational Matters.

Prior to joining the federal administration, Musa started his career as Senior Chemist, Pharmaceutical Division in the Ministry of Health and was seconded as the First Director, School of Pharmaceutical Sciences USM in 1975.

From 1982 to 1995 he was the Vice Chancellor of the university before opting for retirement.

In 1983, Musa was appointed Honorary Colonel by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

He was also actively involved in the USM Reserve Officers Training Unit (ROTU) and was appointed as its Commandant in 1984.

The London-educated chemist would be sworn-in as a senator this Monday before taking responsibility of the Education Ministry.

He is also currently the non-executive chairman of Poly Glass Fibre (M) Bhd.

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