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Norian Mai appointed new IGP with effect from Jan 8

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Acting Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Norian Mai has been appointed the new Inspector-General of Police.

The appointment, effective Jan 8, was announced by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is also Home Minister, in a statement issued to national news agency Bernama.

Norian, 52, replaces Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor who resigned on Jan 8 when the police were confirmed by Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah to be responsible for the injuries sustained by former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody, on Sept 20, last year.

However, last month, Rahim admitted at the hearing of the Royal Commission of Inquiry investigating Anwar's injuries that he had beaten him.

Abdullah said in the statement that following Norian's appointment, a reshuffle affecting top police officers would be made soon.

He said that Norian's appointment was made on the recommendation of the Police Commission on the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after it was consented to by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar. Abdullah is the chairman of the Police Commission.

When contacted by Bernama, Norian expressed his gratitude over the trust given to him by the Government to head the police force. He said he would give his very best in discharging his duties.

Asked to comment on the recent Government directive for the force to be people-friendly, Norian said: "I will carry out my responsibilities as best as I can, based on the laws of the country".

Born in Hilir Perak, Perak, Norian joined the police force in September 1969 as a cadet Assistant Superintendent of Police after obtaining his degree.

He served in various capacities with the rank of Assistant Superintendent and was promoted in 1976, to the rank of Deputy Superintendent.

After serving four years at the Federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman, Norian was promoted to Superintendent and appointed Brickfields police chief. He also served as Petaling Jaya police chief.

In 1984, Norian served as Terengganu police chief and after a two-year tour of duty, he was promoted and transferred to the Special Branch at the Federal police headquarters in Bukit Aman.

In 1992, Norian was promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Commissioner I and appointed Selangor police chief.

He was appointed Deputy Inspector-General of Police in 1997.

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