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NORIAN MAI IS THE NEW IGP

KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) -- Deputy 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 Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is also Home Minister, in a statement.

Norian, 52, replaces Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor who resigned on Jan 8 when the police had been 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 himself 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 will 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.

"As usual, I will give my very best in discharging my duties.

"Heading a police force is a heavy responsibility as it requires the understanding of not only all my officers and men but also the cooperation of all levels of society," he said.

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

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