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Secretaries

SIX NEW POLITICAL SECRETARIES TAKE OATH

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Six new political secretaries today took their oath of secrecy before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Office here.

They include Kubang Pasu Umno division treasurer Mohd Johari Baharum, the political secretary to Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The others are Sothinathan a/l Sinna Goundar (political secretary to Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu); Gooi Hoe Hin (Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik), Abang Ahmad Arabi Abang Bolhassan (Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha), Dr Shahrudin Md Salleh (Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin), and Hasbullah Osman (Minister in Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tajol Rosli Ghazali).

When met later, Abang Ahmad Arabi, 43, said prior to this he was a state administrative officer in Sarawak for six years.

The Sibu-born Abang Ahmad Arabi began his career in government service as Sarawak Syariah Court Kadi.

The Muar-born Dr Shahrudin, 43, is a former principal of the Institut Teknologi Mara (ITM) in Segamat, and had served as a lecturer in Engineering Studies.

Hasbullah, 43, who is Grik Umno division secretary, was private secretary to Tajol Rosli when he was a deputy minister.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali was present at the ceremony.

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