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Tajol-Oath

TAJOL ROSLI TO BE SWORN-IN AS PERAK MB TOMORROW

IPOH, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali will be sworn-in as the ninth menteri besar of Perak tomorrow.

Tajol said he would take his oath of office before Sultan Azlan Shah at Istana Iskandariah in Kuala Kangsar at 9.30am.

He told reporters this after submitting a letter from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed to the sultan during an audience at Istana Kinta here.

"I handed over a letter from the prime minister today. I will reveal other details after the swearing-in ceremony tomorrow," he said.

Tajol will succeed Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib who switched to a parliamentary seat in the just concluded general election after serving as menteri besar for nearly 17 years.

Tajol, 55, was tipped to be made the menteri besar when he was asked to stand in the Kenering state seat this time and not the Gerik parliamentary seat which he had held since 1978.

He beat the PAS candidate in Kenering, Azman Pandak, with a majority of 1,526 votes.

He had won the Kenering seat once before -- in a by-election in 1977 -- before moving over to Gerik in the 1978 general election.

Tajol, who hails from Lenggong, about 100 km from here, was a deputy minister since 1986 before being appointed as a minister in the Prime Minister's Department in January this year.

His late father, Tan Sri Mohamed Ghazali Jawi, was the Perak menteri besar in 1957-1960 and again in 1974-77.

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