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BAR COUNCIL CONFIDENT AINUM WILL BE A "VERY GOOD ADVISER" TO GOVT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- The Bar Council is confident that the newly-appointed Attorney-General Datuk Ainum Mohamed Saaid will be a "very good adviser" to the government, its president Sulaiman Abdullah said today.

He also said her appointment was a move to expand the role of women in the country's legal system.

"With Ainum's appointment, the Bar Council hopes the role and opportunities for women would be further expanded," he told BERNAMA when asked to comment on her appointment.

The Office of the Prime Minister announced in a statement today that Deputy Chief Executive of the Securities Commission Datuk Ainum Mohamed Saaid has been appointed the new Attorney-General for a two-year term from Jan 1.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, on the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, has consented to her appointment.

Ainum, 54, will succeed Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah, whose term of service expires on Dec 31.

The appointment earned Ainum a rare distinction of being the first woman to serve as the country's Attorney-General and Public Prosecutor.

Sulaiman said Ainum was an intelligent and meticulous person and was clear in her decisions.

She is also hardworking and responsible, he said.

In fact, her decision to quit her post as the Deputy Chief Executive of the Securities Commission showed her seriousness to serve in the public service, he said.

"Probably the salary she received as the Deputy Chief Executive was far more lucrative but her willingness to leave the post clearly showed she gave priority to public interest," he said.

He also hoped Ainum's appointment would serve as a motivation and a role model to other lawyers.

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