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Dusuki-Secretary

DUSUKI AHMAD APPOINTED POLITICAL SECRETARY TO DR M

PUTRAJAYA, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Former Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Dusuki Ahmad has been appointed political secretary to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

His appointment takes effect today.

He took his oath of secrecy before Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Office, here, witnessed by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

Dusuki, 56, a Syariah Master's Degree holder from Al-Azhar University in Egypt, succeeds Senator Datuk Abdul Aziz Samsuddin, who had been appointed Deputy Education Minister.

Dusuki, an old hand in politics, had been the MP for Tumpat and held various posts in Umno including as the party's Information Officer from 1967 to 1969, Religious Bureau secretary (1970-1982) and Umno Youth executive committee member (1974-1986).

He is also the World Muslim League director for Malaysia, director of the Yayasan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia and a member of the Tabung Haji advisory council.

Five others appointed as political secretaries are:

- * Husain Abdul Rahman for Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir;
- * Dullie Marie for Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Senator Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia;
- * Lai Meng Chong for Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn;
- * Wee Jeck Seng for Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Ong Ka Ting; and
- * Hasni Mohammad for Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Their appointments also take effect today.

Speaking to reporters after the swearing-in, Dusuki said, Dr Mahathir reminded the newly-appointed political secretaries to uphold the trust placed upon them as they would be constantly watched.

"Dr Mahathir wants us to give our best to maintain cordial relations between the minister, ministry and the public," he added.

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