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Eusoff's term extended six more months

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Tun Mohd Eusoff Chin's term as Chief Justice of the Federal Court has been extended for another six months effective Tuesday.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali said that the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah had consented to the extension as provided under Article 125(1) of the Federal Constitution.

The compulsory retirement age for judges is 65. Eusoff will be 65 on Tuesday.

Born in Batu Gajah, Perak, on June 20, 1935, Eusoff succeeded Tun Hamid Omar as Chief Justice on Sept 24, 1994. He was a High Court judge from 1982 and a Supreme court judge from 1992.

Eusoff began his legal career as a magistrate in 1959 and served in Penang, Alor Star and Ipoh.

Previously, he was an English school teacher, a labour officer and an assistant district officer.

He was called to the Bar in 1963 at Lincoln's Inn.

Last Friday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the extension to Mohd Eusoff's tenure was to enable him to put things in order before his retirement.

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