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KING GIVES CONSENT TO APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF JUSTICE

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah has consented to the appointment of Tan Sri Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah as the new Chief Justice of the Federal Court.

The appointment was on the advice of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after consultation with the Conference of Rulers, according to a statement from the Office of the Prime Minister today.

Mohamed Dzaiddin, 63, succeeds Tun Eusoff Chin whose term of office ends on Dec 19.

The three-paragraph statement said Mohamed Dzaiddin's appointment was in accordance with Article 122B(1) of the Federal Constitution.

Born in Arau on Sept 16 1937, Mohamed Dzaiddin attended a Malay school there before continuing his early education at the Sultan Abdul Hamid College in Alor Setar.

Before going for law studies abroad, he served as a reporter with the Malay Mail newspaper.

He began his legal career upon admission to the English Bar on July 16 1966 and the Malaysian Bar on Jan 28 1967.

The statement said Mohamed Dzaiddin practised law with his own legal firm until 1982.

He then joined the Judicial and Legal Service as a High Court Judge on Oct 1 1982 and became a Supreme Court Judge on Dec 18 1992. When the Supreme Court was renamed Federal Court, he was made a Federal Court Judge on Jan 1 1993.

Mohamed Dzaiddin is scheduled to receive his letter of appointment from the King at Istana Negara on Dec 20.

Meanwhile, an Istana Negara spokesman said Mohamed Dzaiddin's appointment was decided at the 187th meeting of the Conference of Rulers here on Nov 8.

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