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Dzaiddin-Appointment

NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL COURT RECEIVES LETTER OF APPOINTMENT

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 20 (Bernama) -- The new Chief Justice of the Federal Court Tan Sri Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah today received his letter of appointment from the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at the Istana Negara, here.

He also took his oath of office at the ceremony, attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim.

Mohamed Dzaiddin's appointment, which takes effect today, was decided at the 187th Meeting of the Conference of Rulers last month.

He takes over from Tun Eusoff Chin whose six months' extended term expired yesterday. Eusoff served as Chief Justice of the Federal Court for six years before the extension.

Mohamed Dzaiddin, 63, was born in Arau, Perlis, and received his early education at a Malay school and later the Sultan Abdul Hamid College in Alor Setar.

He became a reporter with The Malay Mail from 1956 to September 1957 when he joined the police force as an inspector with the Special Branch.

He left in 1962 to read law in London.

Mohamed Dzaiddin was admitted to the English Bar on July 19, 1966 and the Malaysian Bar on Jan 28, 1967.

On Oct 1, 1982, the father of two was appointed a High Court judge and a Supreme Court judge on Dec 18, 1992. He was appointed Federal Court judge in Jan 1, 1993 following the change of name of the country's highest court.

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