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Secretaries-Oath

THREE POLITICAL SECRETARIES TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

PUTRAJAYA, July 5 (Bernama) -- Three new political secretaries took their oath of office before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

They are Mahdzir Khalid, Abdul Mutalib Alias and Malike Mahli who will serve Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and Agriculture Minister Datuk Effendi Norwawi respectively.

The three also took their oath of secrecy in the brief ceremony at the Prime Minister's Office. Present was Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

Mahdzir, 40, from Pokok Sena, Kedah, replaces Datuk Abdul Fatah Abdullah who died in October last year.

He has a master's degree in education from Universiti Sains Malaysia, and previously served as special development officer at the Kedah Menteri Besar's Office and director of the Land and Cooperative Development Ministry's Publicity Unit.

In politics, the father of four has served as Kedah Umno Information Bureau secretary and as Pokok Sena Umno division information chief.

Abdul Mutalib, 39, was prior to this attached to Chase Manhattan Bank as vice-president of corporate finance for five years. He has no political experience.

Malike, 42, an architecture degree holder, was before this the managing director of Urusan Endaya Construction Sdn Bhd in Kuching.

The father of two is the Dalat branch secretary of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu Sarawak.

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