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Umno-Appointments

TWO MENTERIS BESAR NOT RE-APPOINTED TO UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL

KUALA LUMPUR, June 30 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and his Negeri Sembilan counterpart Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad have not been re-appointed to the Umno Supreme Council.

Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad was among the new faces appointed.

Two menteri besar and a chief minister were among the 10 appointed Supreme Council members, said Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob in a statement this evening.

The re-appointed menteri besar were Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman (Johor) and Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim (Perlis) besides Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Osu Sukam.

Former Wanita Umno chief Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman was among three leaders from the party's women's wing appointed to the council, according to the statement which Umno executive secretary Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor read out to reporters at the party headquarters here.

The other two were Bank Rakyat chairman and National Economic Action Council member Dr Norraesah Mohamad and lawyer Azlina Othman.

Former deputy entrepreneur development minister Datuk Idris Jusoh, Gua Musang Member of Parliament Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah and Umno Youth information chief Azimi Daim made up the three remaining appointed members.

Tengku Adnan also read out the list of state Umno liaison committee chairmen and deputy chairmen.

Khalil, who is also Information Minister, was re-appointed chairman for Pahang and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, the deputy chairman.

Adnan, who was previously Pahang Umno liaison chairman, was the only menteri besar from Umno not re-appointed to the state chairmanship.

This was not surprising given Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's earlier statement that a menteri besar or a chief minister need not necessarily be the state Umno liaison committee chairman.

Also demoted to deputy liaison chairman was Deputy Health Minister Datuk Suleiman Mohamed, who was previously Feder`l Territory Umno liaison committee chairman.

The FT Umno chairmanship is now held by Tengku Adnan.

Party vice-presidents Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin were appointed deputy chairman for Selangor and Johor with Abu Hassan and Abdul Ghani reappointed chairman respectively.

Shahidan, Isa, Osu and Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Mohamad Ali Rustam were respectively re-appointed their state liaison committee chief.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali was made the new Perak Umno liaison chairman and the move saw past chairman Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, who is the Deputy Transport Minister, becoming the deputy chairman.

Former Melaka chief minister and presently Home Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Ithnin became the deputy chairman for Melaka.

Umno information chief Datuk Mustapa Mohamed was made the new Kelantan Umno chairman replacing Tengku Razaleigh while Datuk Annuar Musa remained state deputy chairman.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid was made Perlis Umno deputy liaison chief and Deputy Information Minister Datuk Khalid Yunus, the deputy chief for Negeri Sembilan.

Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi continued to hold the liaison chairmanship for Penang and Terengganu.

Penang Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahya and Idris were appointed deputy chairman for Penang and Terengganu respectively.

As for Kedah, the Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain was made the state liaison chairman while Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk

Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, the deputy chairman.

Kota Belud Umno division chief Datuk Mohamed Salleh Said Keruak was named deputy state liaison committee chairman for Sabah.

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