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TWO NEW POLITICAL SECRETARIES SWORN IN

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- Two new political secretaries today took their oath of office before Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Office, here.

Both the appointments are effective Sept 1, this year.

The two were research officer S. Annathan and former principal private secretary to Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, Hasbullah Isa.

Annathan was appointed political secretary to Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu while Hasbullah was promoted to the post of political secretary to the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Annathan, a Universiti Malaya Bachelor of Economics degree holder, took over the post from S. Sothinathan who was appointed the ministry's parliamentary secretary after he won the Teluk Kemang by-election on June 10, this year.

Prior to his stint with Samy Vellu, the 27-year-old bachelor worked as a research officer with the Yayasan Strategik Sosial.

Meanwhile, Kedah-born Hasbullah, 45, received his secondary education at the Islamic College in Klang before obtaining his degree in Islamic Studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in 1980.

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