

Tabung Haji's investment panel head appointed

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KUALA LUMPUR: "Datuk Seri Syed **Anwar** Jamalullail, the group managing director of Amanah Capital Partners Bhd, was appointed Tabung Haji's head of investment panel with immediate effect.

His appointment was announced yesterday, by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Brig Jen (Rtd) Datuk **Abdul Hamid Zainal** Abidin here.

Syed **Anwar**, 49, is a graduate from Macquarie University, Sydney, and a certified practising accountant.

He had previously served among others, as financial accountant with Malaysia Airlines, senior auditor with Price Waterhouse Australia, investment manager with D&C Nomura Merchant Bank and corporate finance manager with Amanah Merchant Bank Berhad.

The appointment follows a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday that the investment panel of Tabung

Haji will be revamped to help it become more professional.

Abdul Hamid said the revamp of the investment panel was among efforts to restructure Tabung Haji to overcome weaknesses.

One of these aspects is the panel, which had not been playing an active role to guarantee good returns from its investment.

He expressed the hope that Syed **Anwar's** expertise could be fully used to improve investments in Tabung Haji.

Abdul Hamid was speaking to reporters after opening a national seminar on Al-Quran at the Universiti Putra Malaysia.

The minister said other members of the full panel would be announced by next weekend when he returns from Saudi Arabia.

"There is no limit to the number of people on the panel but we will appoint about 10 to 12 people, mostly newcomers, to help Syed **Anwar**," said **Abdul Hamid**.