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SALAHUDDIN APPOINTED SARAWAK YANG DIPERTUA NEGERI

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng was appointed the new Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri today.

Salahuddin, 79, who had been acting Yang Dipertua Negeri earlier, succeeds Tun Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Muhammed Noor who died on Dec 5 last year.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah presented the letter of appointment to Salahuddin at a ceremony at Istana Negara, here.

Also present at the ceremony were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and several ministers from Sarawak, including Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding, Agriculture Minister Datuk Effendi Norwawi and Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu.

Salahuddin had previously served as Yang Dipertua Negeri for four years from April 2, 1977.

Salahuddin, who was born in Sibu, played an active role in Sarawak politics before the formation of Malaysia, by helping to set up the Barisan Pemuda Sarawak and Parti Barisan Rakyat Jati Sarawak.

Also present at the ceremony were Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail, Chief Justice Tan Sri Mohamed Dzaidin Abdullah, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman and Attorney-General Datuk Ainum Mohamed Said.

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