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Appointments

SAMSUDDIN TAKES OVER AS CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT ON FEB 1

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- The government today officially announced the appointment of Public Service Department (PSD) Director-General Tan Sri Samsuddin Osman as the new Chief Secretary to the Government, replacing Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali, on Feb 1.

His appointment has been consented to by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office.

Abdul Halim, whose term expires on Jan 31, assumes the post of chairman of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) on Feb 1, taking over from Tan Sri Salehuddin Mohamed who retires at the end of the month.

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad stated that Samsuddin will be appointed as the new Chief Secretary to the Government but did not disclose when the appointment will take effect.

Samsuddin, 54, who holds a Bachelor of Arts (honours) degree from Universiti Malaya and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the Pennsylvania State University in the United States, joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service on Oct 15, 1969.

Samsuddin has held various posts including as deputy director (academic) of the National Institute of Public Administration (Intan), deputy secretary-general of the Transport Ministry, Sabah federal secretary in the Prime Minister's Department, secretary-general of the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry and secretary-general of the Home Ministry.

He was appointed as the PSD director-general on Dec 15, 1998.

Abdul Halim was appointed Chief Secretary to the Government on Sept 17, 1996. His term was extended under contract in 1998 and again last year.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Secretary to the Government, Abdul Halim was secretary-general of the Foreign Ministry.

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