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TWO POLITICAL SECRETARIES TAKE OATH BEFORE DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- The two new political secretaries of Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin, took their oath of office before the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

Ramzi Abdul Rahman, 43, is the political secretary to Abdullah effective Nov 1 while Mansor Zakariya, 46, serves with Abdul Hamid, from Oct 17.

Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsudin Osman was present at the ceremony at the Prime Minister's Department here.

Ramzi said he would discharge his duties to the best of his abilities.

He was the Private Secretary and later the Senior Private Secretary to Abdullah before his new post.

Ramzi is Pasir Mas Umno Division Vice head.

Mansor said his post was a new challenge to him as he had no previous political background.

He said he was determined to use his new post to uphold the honour of Islam in this country.

"The issue of religion is very important in society. Hence I will plan together with the minister to uphold Islam and make it a real way of life among Muslims in this country," he said.

Mansor, from Alor Setar, is a graduate in Islamic Studies from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. He served as Senior Private Secretary to the same minister.

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