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Cabinet-Reaction (Zam)

ZAM AIMS TO RAISE PEOPLE'S FAITH IN MEDIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Senator Datuk Zainudin Maidin, who was today appointed as Parliamentary Secretary in the Information Ministry, said he will use his 40 years' experience in journalism to build up the people's faith in the media, particularly the government media.

Zainuddin, better known as Zam, said he hoped to contribute to the Information Ministry's efforts to raise the Government's credibility with information that is correct and which reflects the country's plural society with a Malaysian identity.

"I am grateful to the Prime Minister for giving me the trust to hold this post," he said.

Zam said he would be leaving for the United States today at the invitation of the country's Republican party to attend president-elect George W. Bush's swearing-in ceremony on Saturday.

Meanwhile, Senator Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, who has been made Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, thanked Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed for the confidence placed in him.

"I promise to work hard to ensure that all of Dr Mahathir's visions are achieved, especially for the Malays and Malaysians as a whole," he said when contacted.

Tengku Adnan, who is Umno executive secretary, said the appointment of Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil as Women's Affairs Minister would ensure that women's affairs were better taken care of.

Tengku Adnan is the Federal Territory Umno chief while Shahrizat is the FT Wanita Umno head.

"With the appointment of more Umno leaders from the Federal Territory into the Cabinet, I believe we are capable to bringing more development and progress in FT," said Tengku Adnan.

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