

Finance post for TNB boss

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Tengku Adnan and Zam promoted

KUALA LUMPUR: Rompin MP and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis has been appointed second finance minister.

In a statement yesterday, the Prime Minister's Office said that the Yang di-Pertuan Agong had consented to the appointment proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The King also consented to the appointment of Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, 51, as a minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Senator Datuk Zainuddin Maidin as deputy information minister (*Profiles: Page 2*).

Tengku Adnan is deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Zainuddin is parliamentary secretary in the Information Ministry.

They will receive their letters of

appointment from the King after the swearing-in ceremony and pledge of secrecy and loyalty at Istana Negara tomorrow.

Their appointments will take effect after their swearing-in.

The post of second finance minister was created in Mahathir's cabinet in 1998 with the appointment of Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

After the last general election in 1999, Mahathir did not appoint a second finance minister when Mustapa failed to retain the Jeli parliamentary seat.

He reappointed Tun Daim Zainuddin as finance minister until his resignation in June last year.

Since then, Mahathir has been holding the finance portfolio, assisted by two deputy ministers - Datuk Dr Shafie Mohamed Salleh and Datuk Chan Kong Choy.