

# Ministry sec-gen is TNB interim chief

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Energy, Communications and Multimedia Ministry secretary-general Datuk Abdul Halim Shafie (*pix*) has been appointed interim chairman of Tenaga Nasional Bhd effective today.

This follows the resignation of Datuk Jamaludin Jarjis from all his positions in the utility giant after his appointment as the Second Finance Minister.

At a board meeting yesterday,

Tenaga agreed to appoint Halim as the interim chairman until such time that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has identified another individual to assume the post.

At a press conference after the board meeting, Jamaludin said he would also divest all his interests in all companies and resign from all positions from such companies. Asked if he would reveal these companies, he said: "If the public wishes it."

Asked if he was surprised and how

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he had found out about the appointment, Jamaludin said: "The public found out about it yesterday. I am a member of the public."

On his first task, he said: "I would render my best support to the ministry and to discharge the duties of the ministry and to handle the finance of the country."

Asked if he thought himself capable of taking on the job, Jamaludin said: "I will let the market judge that. As you know, when I was appointed (Tenaga) chairman, it went down one ringgit."

He said Tenaga was in good hands with the present board of directors and management.

"There is enough planting up until 2010. The country will remain lighted for the next eight years and beyond. I can assure you that the present board and management will continue with the policies in place." - theedgedaily.com