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DR JAMALUDDIN JARJIS APPOINTED SECOND FINANCE MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Rompin Member of Parliament and Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) Chairman Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis has been appointed Second Finance Minister.

The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement today 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 Dr Mahathir's proposal to appoint Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Senator Datuk Zainuddin Maidin as Deputy Information Minister.

Prior to this, Tengku Adnan was the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Zainuddin was the Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary.

They would receive their letters of appointment from the King after the swearing-in ceremony and pledge of secrecy and loyalty at Istana Negara on Thursday.

The statement said the appointments would take effect after their swearing-in.

Dr Jamaluddin, 51, a PhD holder in electrical engineering and an entrepreneur in the energy sector, is married to Datin Dr Kalsom Ismail and has four children.

He is an Umno supreme council member for the 2000-2003 term and also Rompin Umno division deputy chief.

The post of Second Finance Minister was created for the first time in Dr Mahathir's Cabinet in 1998 when former Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed was appointed to the post.

After the last general election in Nov 1999, Dr Mahathir, however, did not appoint a Second Finance Minister when Mustapa failed to retain the Jeli parliamentary seat in Kelantan.

He reappointed Tun Daim Zainuddin as Finance Minister until Daim resigned from the post in June 2001.

Since then, Dr Mahathir has been holding the Finance Minister's portfolio. He is assisted by two deputy ministers -- Datuk Dr Shafie Mohamed Salleh and Datuk Chan Kong Choy.

Dr Jamaluddin was appointed TNB Deputy Chairman on Aug 5, 2000 and on Sept 1, 2000, he was appointed non-executive chairman of TNB.

His contract with TNB was extended for another two years effective Sept 1, 2002 upon expiry of his two-year contract on Aug 31, 2002.

His foray into the private sector began in 1981 when he was the consulting engineer for J&A Associates, an engineering consultancy, while in 1984, he was appointed Managing Director of EPE Power Corporation Bhd.

In February 1988, he was also appointed Chairman of Koperasi Belia Nasional (KOBENA).

Born on May 25, 1951 in Pekan, Pahang, Dr Jamaluddin obtained his B.Sc (Hons) from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom in 1974 and thereafter M.Sc from the University of Manitoba in 1977 and his Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from Canada's McGill University in 1980.

Between 1974 and 1980, he served as a lecturer at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and during the period he undertook several research and development programmes related to the power industry.

Meanwhile, Tengku Adnan, 51, a businessman-turned-politician, is married to Tengku Datin Fatimah Yasmin Tengku Ismail.

He was appointed a Senator on Dec 13, 2000 before being named as a Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department on Jan 17, 2001.

Tengku Adnan is also Umno Executive Secretary and Federal Territory Umno liaison chief. He became the Federal Territory Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman on Nov 29, 2001. He was elected to the Umno supreme council in 1993.

He also served as Umno Youth Treasurer in 1988.

Previously, he was a member of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC).

Tengku Adnan's political career started in 1984 when he was elected chairman of Kampung Bakti Umno branch in the Seputeh division.

Zainuddin, 63, who is better known as Zam, is a well-known journalist before being appointed as a Senator on Feb 25, 1998 and later as Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary on Jan 17, 2001.

Zam's career in journalism started when he joined as a stringer in Utusan Melayu in the 1950s in Alor Star.

Ten years later, he became a full-time journalist with Utusan Malaysia and became chief reporter in 1962.

He served in various posts in the newspaper before becoming its Editor-in-Chief in 1982.

He has written several books, including "Mahathir Di Sebalik Tabir" and "Tun Razak: Jejak Bertapak Seorang Patriot."

Zam is married to Datin Zakinah Zaidan and has two children.

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