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Jamaludin's appointment gets the thumbs-up

PEKAN, Tues. - Umno vice-president and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today welcomed the appointment of Tenaga Nasional Bhd chairman Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis as Finance Minister II.

"I think the appointment could not come at a better time. I believe Jamaludin will be able to give his full commitment as the second Finance Minister," he said after the work commencement ceremony for the ACV 300 Adnan armoured vehicle, which would be assembled at the Deftech Technologies Sdn Bhd plant here.

Deftech is a subsidiary of DRB-Hicom.

In Kuala Lumpur, Bernama quoted MIC president and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu as saying that Jamaludin was the right choice.

"Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has again made the right choice. Jamaludin is a very experienced man," he told the news agency in a telephone interview from the United States.

"He is also experienced in matters pertaining to finance and economy," he said.

Samy Vellu also said the promotion of Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Datuk Zainuddin Maidin as Deputy Information Minister was a step in the right direction.

Meanwhile, People's Progressive Party president Senator Datuk M. Kayveas, who is Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, said the appointments today showed that the Government was serious in giving its best to the people.