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JAMALUDDIN, TENGKU ADNAN AND ZAINUDDIN TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Newly appointed Finance Minister II Datuk Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor took their oath of office before Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail at Istana Negara here today.

They also took their pledge of loyalty and secrecy at the ceremony.

Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin also took similar oaths at the same ceremony.

Their appointments took effect today.

Present at the ceremony were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Cabinet ministers.

The ceremony was also witnessed by Chief Justice Tun Mohamed Dzaiddin Abdullah, Attorney-General Datuk Abdul Gani Patail, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Samsuddin Osman, Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tun Mohamed Zahir Ismail and Senate President Tan Sri Michael Chen.

Tengku Adnan had been Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department since Jan 17, 2001 while Jamaluddin, the MP for Rompin, had been Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) chairman.

Zainuddin, a former editor-in-chief of Utusan Malaysia, was made a Senator on Feb 25, 1998 before being appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Information Ministry on Jan 17, 2001.

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