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MEGAT JUNID APPOINTED UMNO INFORMATION CHIEF

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Former Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob has been appointed as Umno information chief with immediate effect, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Megat Junid replaces Datuk Mustapa Mohamed who resigned from the post last month to concentrate on his duties as Kelantan Umno chief.

The Prime Minister said Megat Junid, a former Umno Supreme Council member, was chosen because of his oratory skills.

"He has the ability to speak well, if one can't speak well he can't be the information chief. Besides, he has been in Umno for a long time," Dr Mahathir told reporters after chairing a meeting of the Umno Supreme Council at the party headquarters here.

Megat Junid, 60, began his political career in 1972 as head of the Jalan Pegawai Umno Youth branch in Alor Setar.

He contested for and won the Pasir Salak parliamentary seat in the 1986 general election.

He was first elected to the Umno Supreme Council in 1987 and retained the post until 2000.

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