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PBB LAUDS UGGAH'S APPOINTMENT

KUCHING, June 30 (Bernama) -- Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the state Barisan Nasional (BN) backbone, has described the appointment of its Youth chief, Datuk Douglas Uggah Embas, as Deputy Transport Minister as another milestone for the PBB Youth movement in Sarawak politics.

PBB deputy Youth chief Abdul Karim Hamzah, who is assemblyman for Asa Jaya, told Bernama today that it would provide wider opportunity for it to study which area of work could benefit the movement.

Last Wednesday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a Cabinet reshuffle which involved Uggah, the Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

Uggah, the Member of Parliament for Betong, took over the PBB Youth top post from State Assistant Rural and Land Development Minister Datuk Gramong Juna on July 6, last year.

Abdul Karim said: "We're indeed very proud of the appointment. We know Uggah's capability and he'll continue to lead the Youth wing despite holding a more important post at the federal level," he said.

He said that Uggah's appointment could create greater impact for the PBB Youth movement in assisting the state government in pushing forward its politics of development.

PBB Youth vice-chief Dr Abdul Rahman Junaidi, who is assemblyman for Pantai Damai, described Uggah's appointment as very timely in efforts to inspire members in the movement to greater heights.

He said that the Youth movement was thankful to the Prime Minister and it definitely would enhance the existing political links between the state and federal BN.

"He has been in the party for a very long time. An old-timer, and it is a recognition of his services to the party and as federal deputy minister," he said, hoping that such an appointment would spur others to give their best.

Another vice-chief, Mikai Mandau, also regarded the appointment as crucial for the PBB Youth in its aim to spearhead socio-economic development in the state.

He believes that Uggah could play a very important role in a very important ministry at the federal level and it marked another chapter in the PBB as one of its leaders was able to continue serving at the federal level.

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