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Zainudin-Appointment

ZAINUDIN MAIDIN APPOINTED INFORMATION MINISTRY'S MEDIA ADVISER

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 24 (Bernama) -- Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainudin Maidin, whose term as senator expires today, has been appointed the Information Ministry's media adviser.

Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said in a statement issued here that Zainudin's appointment takes effect tomorrow.

Zainudin was appointed senator on Feb 25 1998 and assumed his second term on Feb 25 2001 following the expiry of his first three-year term on Feb 24 2001.

Article 45(3A) of the Federal Constitution restricts the appointment of senators to two terms.

Better known as Zam, Zainudin, 65, was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Information Ministry on Jan 17 2001 and as Deputy Information Minister on Nov 21 2002.

Zainudin, a veteran journalist, is married to Datin Zaiton Zainor Abidin and has four children.

He embarked on his career in journalism as a stringer with Utusan Melayu in the 1950s in Alor Star.

In 1960, he joined Utusan Malaysia as a full-time journalist and was promoted as chief reporter in 1962. He rose to become editor-in-chief of the Utusan Melayu Group in 1982.

During his years as a journalist, Zainudin authored several books including "Mahathir Di Sebalik Tabir" and "Tun Razak: Jejak Bertapak Seorang Patriot".

His latest book is "Wira Tak Didendang" which was launched recently by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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