



TENGGU AHMAD
RITHAUDDEEN

Highest vote for Supreme Council polls

TENGGU Ahmad Rithauddeen was born on Jan. 24, 1932, in Kelantan. He graduated from the University of Nottingham, England, as a barrister before returning to Malaya in 1957 to become a magistrate in Ipoh.

By 1965, he had moved up to State Legal Adviser, Kelantan, when it was under Pas. But in June, he resigned to set up private practice.

Until February 1968, when he was appointed Kelantan Umno Information Officer, Tengku Rithauddeen's involvement in Umno politics was as an ordinary member. He was also active in business, holding the directorship of three companies.

In July 1968, he was appointed head of the Machang Umno division.

His standing among his professional colleagues was also enhanced when he was elected chairman of the Bar Committee for Kelantan, Trengganu and Pahang in February 1969.

In the 1969 general elections which led to the suspension of Parliament, he contested the Kota Hillr constituency. He scored a narrow win over PMIP's Wan Hashim bin Wan Ahmad, polling 13,069 votes against his opponent's 12,914.

Confident

That was enough to convince Tun Abdul Razak, who had taken over as Prime Minister. In September 1970, Tengku Rithauddeen was named Assistant Minister of Defence.

He failed in his first attempt, in 1971, to win a seat in the Umno Supreme Council, but two weeks later he was appointed deputy chairman of the Kelantan Umno liaison committee. Tun Razak affirmed his confidence when he appointed Tengku Rithauddeen a member of the Supreme Council in July 1972.

In addition to his duties in the Defence Ministry, Tengku Rithauddeen was also given the job of Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

As a measure of his improved standing politically, he was one of four non-Malaccans who were appointed heads of the various Umno divisions in Malacca in December 1972, when the party's affairs in the State were

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streamlined under direct supervision from Kuala Lumpur.

In the Cabinet reshuffle in August 1973, after the death of Tun Dr Ismail, Tengku Rithauddeen was made Minister with Special Functions responsible for the General Planning Unit and "matters under the purview of the Prime Minister and will also assist the Prime Minister in foreign affairs."

In December the same year, however, supervision of the General Planning Unit was turned over to Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie. Tengku Rithauddeen took over Tan Sri Ghazali's job as Minister of Information while still retaining the Special Functions portfolio.

In the 1974 general

elections, Tengku Rithauddeen was elected unopposed.

He won his first election for ordinary membership of the Supreme Council in 1975 gaining the highest number of votes (909) among the 20 elected members.

In a minor reshuffle in 1975, he was made Foreign Minister, the post he still holds.

Tengku Rithauddeen made his first bid for an Umno vice-presidency in 1978, but he only managed seventh place out of nine contenders. But he was re-elected to the Supreme Council, again getting the highest number of votes (915) among the 71 contestants.

For this year's election, Tengku Rithauddeen has been nominated by 12 divisions for one of the three vice-president's posts.

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