

Lajim Ukin's Appointment As Deputy Minister Revoked
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KUALA LUMPUR, July 31 (Bernama) -- The appointment of Datuk Seri Lajim Ukin as the Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government has been revoked with immediate effect.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office Tuesday said that Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah had given his consent to the revocation of the appointment.

The revocation was made under Clause (3) Article 43A which was read together with Clause (5) Article 43 of the Federal Constitution.

Last Saturday, Lajim announced his resignation as a member of the Umno Supreme Council (MT), Beaufort Umno division head, and chairman of the Beaufort Barisan Nasional (BN) with immediate effect.

However, he remained as an Umno member.

When announcing his resignation in Likas Jaya, near Kota Kinabalu, Lajim was later reported to have left it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to decide on his position as Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government.

Later at a function in Pekan, Najib was reported to have said that Lajim's position as deputy minister would be decided on Monday.

Lajim, 57, was elected as a Member of Parliament in the 2008 general election, replacing the incumbent for the Beaufort seat, Azizah Mohd Dun after defeating Lajim Md Yusof (PKR) with a majority of 10,914 votes.

He was later appointed as the Deputy Minister of Transport in 2008 before changing portfolio as Deputy Minister of Housing and Local Government in 2009

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