

**Azlan Man Takes Oath As Perlis Menteri Besar
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KANGAR, May 7 (Bernama) -- Pauh state assemblyman, Azlan Man Tuesday took his oath as the Menteri Besar of Perlis at Istana Arau.

Azlan, 55, who was born on Sept 2, 1958 in Kampung Belat Batu, Arau, took his oath as the state's 7th Menteri Besar before the Raja of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail.

The former Public Complaints Bureau (PCB) deputy director-general won the Pauh state seat in the 13th general election (GE13) when he defeated PAS Ulama Council chief Idris Yaacob with a majority of 1,382 votes.

Azlan who has 30 years experience in administration including foreign relations holds a Master's degree in International Economics from the University of Denver, United States of America (USA).

He began his career as an Administrative and Diplomatic officer (PTD) in 1983 and was the Malaysian Consul in Toronto, Canada in 1985 before becoming the chief assistant secretary in the Foreign Minister in 1992 apart from being made Malaysia's Permanent Mission Counsellor to the United Nations in USA in 1999.

In 2003, Azlan was made secretary of Africa and South Sahara division in the Foreign Minister and in 2011 he held the post of PCB deputy director-general until his retirement to contest in the 13th General Election on May 5.

Also present at the ceremony were the Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, former Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Dr Md Isa Sabu, Perlis State Secretary, Datuk Azizan Hamid and Perlis police chief, SAC Zull Aznam Haron.

Azlan who took over the duties of menteri besar from Md Isa at the Perlis State Assembly Complex here at noon, meanwhile, pledged to continue the process of developing the state in efforts to become a developed state by 2015.

The mission might look difficult but with team work and cooperation from all parties, it can be done.

When asked when he would form his 'state cabinet' Azlan said it was too early because discussions would be held before an announcement was made.

"There are many things that I need to know because I never expected to become the menteri besar. I have heard about me being a candidate for the post but I thought it was mere speculation.

"However, last night I received a call from the state protocol unit, informing me that I must attend the oath taking ceremony for the post of menteri besar Perlis," said Azlan who is married with three children.

Also present at the handing over duties ceremony were members of the state assembly and Perlis Mufti, Dr Juanda Jaya.

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