

Abdul Wahid, Waytha Moorthy Sworn In As Senators
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- Former Maybank president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar and Hindu Rights Action Force (Hindraf) chairman P. Waytha Moorthy were sworn in as senators today before Dewan Negara president Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang.

Abdul Wahid, 49, has been appointed a minister in the Prime Minister's Department, in charge of the Economic Planning Unit (EPU).

He joined Bumiputra Merchant Bankers Berhad in the Corporate Banking Department in 1988. He also served at Telekom Malaysia Berhad as the chief financial officer in 2001.

Approached by reporters, Abdul Wahid pledged to do his best for the people and country, particularly in the economic sector.

He expressed his appreciation for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and the government on his appointment.

"If the people have ideas that can enhance the capability at the EPU, we will be glad to consider them," he said.

Waytha Moorthy, 47, who has been appointed a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said he valued the trust Najib had placed in him and would help raise the welfare of the Indian community.

"We have struggled quite long for our voices to be heard; so this is a new beginning for the Indians," he said.

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