

Adenan Satem Sworn In As Sarawak's Fifth Chief Minister
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KUCHING, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Minister of Special Functions Tan Sri Adenan Satem was sworn in Friday as the state's fifth chief minister.

He took his oath of office before Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Barieng at the Astana Sarawak.

Adenan, who turned 70 last month, was attired in a dark-coloured Baju Melayu and recited his oath at 9.38 am to mark another historical moment for Sarawak.

His appointment comes after his predecessor, Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, submitted his resignation on Feb 11 after having served as the chief minister of Malaysia's largest state for 33 years.

Adenan made his political debut in 1979 when he contested the Muara Tuang state seat in a by-election and defeated Parti Rakyat Jati Sarawak (Pajar) candidate Razali Sabang by a majority of 2,797 votes.

He retained the seat in the next six state elections before contesting the Batang Sadong seat in the 11th parliamentary elections, beating PAS candidate Adam Ahid with a 9,371-vote majority.

Following his victory in the parliamentary elections, Adenan was appointed federal natural resources and environment minister in 2004.

He returned to the Sarawak political scene to contest in the state election in 2006 and won the Tanjung Datu state seat.

Adenan was made the special advisor to the chief minister in 2010 before being appointed as the state minister of special functions in 2011 after successfully retaining his Tanjung Datu seat in a state election in that year.

Prior to his involvement in politics, Adenan also had a taste of the world of journalism when he joined a local newspaper, the Sarawak Tribune, before he decided to pursue law at the University of Adelaide in Australia.

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