

Ahmad Razif Begins First Duty as New MB Today
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KUALA TERENGGANU, May 14 (Bernama) -- Datuk Ahmad Razif Abdul Rahman began his first official duty as the new Terengganu Menteri Besar when he punched in his electronic card at the Menteri Besar's temporary office at the sixth floor of Wisma Darul Iman here at 7.43 am Wednesday.

The arrival of Ahmad Razif, who looked cheerful in a black suit completed with a blue tie and white shirt, was followed by a prayer recital by the Menteri Besar's special religious officer, Kamalrudin Omar.

Also present were State Secretary, Datuk Mazlan Ngah and State Financial Officer, Datuk Mat Razali Kassim.

In his first media conference as Terengganu Menteri Besar, Ahmad Razif, who looked energetic and enthusiastic, said he would go ahead to ensure the administration of Terengganu would continue to run smoothly.

Asked on Terengganu PAS' insistence that the Terengganu state legislative assembly be dissolved following the current political crisis in the state, he said the issue did not arise.

"We do not have any problems, the state administration is run as usual and we do not propose to have any portfolio reshuffle at present," he said before moving to the Menteri Besar's official office at the 16th floor of Wisma Darul Iman.

The State Science, Technology and Innovation, Energy, Green Technology and Water chairman, was appointed as the new Terengganu Menteri Besar to replace Datuk Seri Ahmad Said, who resigned from the post last Monday afternoon.

He took his oath of office before the Sultan of Terengganu, Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin at the Istana Syarqiyyah here at 9.18 pm last Monday.

Ahmad Razif, 49, who is the two-term Seberang Takir state assemblyman since 2008, has a science masters degree in Counselling and Guidance from Universiti Putra Malaysia.

He has also held the state Education, Higher Education, Science, Technology and Human Resource executive post and was the Terengganu Umno information chief during the previous term.

Among Terengganu Menteri Besar since 1959 were Mohd Daud Abdul Samad from PAS (1959-1960), Tan Sri Ibrahim Fikri Mohamad from Umno (1960-1970), Datuk Mahmood Sulaiman from Umno (1970-1971), Datuk Nik Hassan Wan Abdul Rahman from Umno

(1971-1974), Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad from Umno (1974-1999), Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang from PAS (1999-2004), Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh from Umno (2004-2008) dan Datuk Seri Ahmad Said from Umno (2008-12 Mei 2014).

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