

Mohamed Apandi Honoured To Be Appointed As New AG
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PUTRAJAYA, July 28 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali said today that he is honoured to be appointed as the new Attorney-General.

"The appointment is by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. I am honoured the King has the confidence in me. I will try my level best to discharge my duties as the Attorney-General," he told Bernama when contacted here.

Mohamed Apandi, a Federal Court Judge, takes over as Attorney-General from Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail.

The service of Abdul Gani as the Attorney-General was terminated effective July 27 due to health reasons, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa announced in Kuala Lumpur today.

Mohamed Apandi said his work focus would be on being the legal advisor to the Government, Cabinet and the King based on Article 145 (2) of the Federal Constitution.

"I came to know (about the appointment) yesterday. Before taking up the post I first had to resign from my post as Federal Court judge. I did this yesterday. I received my letter of appointment at 10.30 am today from the Office of the Chief Secretary to the Government," he said.

Mohamed Apandi possesses vast experience through his over four-decade career in the legal profession as he has served as a judge, legal adviser, a deputy public prosecutor (DPP) and a lawyer.

Born on Feb 11, 1950 in Kota Baharu, Kelantan, he graduated in 1972 from the University of London and holds an LLB (Hons) degree.

He began his career in the legal service as a magistrate in Kuala Terengganu from 1973 until 1975.

According to the judiciary's website, Mohamed Apandi, 65, was then appointed director of the Legal Aid Bureau in Kota Baru for the next two years and served as deputy public prosecutor for Kelantan and Terengganu from 1977 to 1980.

From 1980 until 1982, Mohamed Apandi was the legal adviser to the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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