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by AZREEN HANI

ATTORNEY-GENERAL (AG) Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali has been appointed as a board of director (BoD) at Lembaga Tabung Haji.

Apandi's appointment to the board of the pilgrimage fund was confirmed by Tabung Haji representative Anis Zuhani Ahmad.

In a text message to *The Malaysian Reserve* last Friday, she said: "Yes, we confirm the appointment of Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali as Tabung Haji's BoD recently."

Anis Zuhani, who is also Communications and Public Affairs division GM, said Apandi's name has been listed in the BoD organisational chart on Tabung Haji's official website.

With this appointment, Apandi who will be 66 years old this February, completes the 10-member panel of the board.

Datuk Seri Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim is the chairman of the board of the pilgrimage fund which manages deposits of about RM55 billion.

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It is not known when Apandi received his appointment letter or whether he attended the board meeting last Tuesday evening (Jan 19).

The former federal judge was appointed as the AG in July last year, replacing Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail after the retirement of the latter over

health reasons. His appointment as the AG is for a period of three years.

Apandi, who graduated from University of London with a law degree in 1972, started his legal career as a magistrate in Kuala Terengganu from 1973 to 1975.

He had then being appointed director of the Legal Aid

Bureau in Kota Baru, Kelantan, before serving as a legal advisor to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry for two years in 1980 to 1982.

After years of private practice, Apandi returned to civil service as a judicial commissioner at Kuantan High Court before subsequently appointed as the High Court judge in Kuantan and

Kuala Lumpur in 2007.

He served as a Court of Appeal judge from 2010 to 2013 before getting promoted as a federal judge on September 30, 2013.

Among high profile cases that he handled include the Catholic Church's legal battle for the usage of the word "Allah" in *Herald Newsweekly*.