

## Hasmy is new Suhakam chairman

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak last night announced the appointment of new members of the Malaysian Human Rights Commission (Suhakam) with Tan Sri Hasmy Agam becoming the new chairman.

He is the executive chairman of the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), which is under the Foreign Ministry.

The former chairman of Suhakam was Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman.

The members of the commission are Muhammad Sha'ani Abdullah, Professor Datuk Dr Khaw Lake Tee, James Deva Nayagam, Professor Datuk Dr Mahmood Zuhdi A.Majid, Jannie Lasimbang and Detta anak Samen.

In a press statement here, Najib said that under sub-section 5(2) of the Malaysian Human Rights Commission Act 1999 (Act 597), Yang di-Per-tuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin had consented to the appointment of the new Suhakam members for a three-year period.

The prime minister said the appointment took effect from April 26.

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