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LEAD CABINET 1 'a'a'a'

KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 5 (BERNAMA) — DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN A CABINET RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED BY DATUK HUSSEIN ONN HERE TODAY. HE RETAINS THE EDUCATION PORTFOLIO.

THE NEW CABINET LINE-UP ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER CONTAINS ALL THE NAMES OF MINISTERS EXCEPT THAT OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCIK ABDUL GHAFAR BABA.

THE POST WILL BE LEFT VACANT AND DATUK HUSSEIN DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE OMISSION OF ENCIK GHAFAR'S NAME.

THE NEWCOMER TO THE CABINET IS THE CHAIRMAN OF PETRONAS AND A VICE-PRESIDENT OF UMNO, TENGKU TAN SRI RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE FINANCE PORTFOLIO. — BERNAMA MORE 1642/A1

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LEAD CABINET 2 KUALA LUMPUR 'a'a'a'

DATUK HUSSEIN TOLD A PACKED PRESS CONFERENCE AT HIS OFFICE THAT TENGKU RAZALEIGH WOULD RELINQUISH THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PETRONAS.

FOUR DEPUTY MINISTERS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED FULL MINISTERS AND SIX PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES WERE PROMOTED TO DEPUTY MINISTERS.

FOUR NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES HAVE ALSO BEEN APPOINTED, INCLUDING SENATOR RAFIDAH AZIZ.

IN ADDITION, A NEW MINISTRY WAS SET UP AND A FEW MINISTRIES WERE RENAMED.

DATUK HUSSEIN RETAINS HIS DEFENCE PORTFOLIO WHILE GIVING UP THE FINANCE AND COORDINATION OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS PORTFOLIOS. — BERNAMA MORE 1647/A1

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LEAD CABINET 3 KUALA LUMPUR 'a'a'a'

DATUK HUSSEIN WILL BE ASSISTED BY THREE NEW MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO AND ONE DEPUTY MINISTER.

IN THE NEW LINE-UP, UMNO, PAS, MCA, MIC EACH GET AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER IN THE EXPANDED CABINET.

THE NEW CABINET HAS BEEN ENLARGED FROM 19 TO 24 INCLUDING THE VACANT POST OF AGRICULTURE.

THE THREE NEW MINISTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT ARE DATUK ABDUL SAMAD IDRIS (FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS); DATUK ATHI NAHAPPAN (FORMER DEPUTY LAW MINISTER) AND TAN SRI CHONG HON NYAN (FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE).

THE FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR AND MANPOWER, HAJI HASSAN ADLI HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL TERRITORY. — BERNAMA MORE 1658/A1

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LEAD CABINET 4 KUALA LUMPUR ๙'๙'๙'

→ THE DEPUTY MINISTERS PROMOTED ARE:

• ENCIK RAIS YATIM, FORMERLY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS, BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW;

• ENCIK ABDULLAH MAJID, WHO WAS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR AND MANPOWER;

• DR. NEO YEE PAN, FORMER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF POWER, TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH, IS NOW DEPUTY MINISTER OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS;

• HAJI RAMLI OMAR, FORMER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, IS NOW DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT;

• ENCIK MOHAMED ALI SHARIFF, FORMER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND NEW VILLAGES, BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS;

• DR. GOH CHENG TEIK, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, BECOMES DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS AND UTILITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1722/A1

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LEAD CABINET 5 KUALA LUMPUR ๙'๙'๙'

→ THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ARE SENATOR RAFIDAH AZIZ (MINISTRY OF PUBLIC CORPORATION); ENCIK LEW SIP HON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MALAYSIAN RUBBER EXCHANGE AND LICENSING BOARD (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES); DR. LING LEONG SIK (LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL TERRITORY AND ENCIK MOHAMED ZAHARI AWANG, MP FOR KUALA KRAI, (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

AMONG THE MINISTERS IN THE OLD CABINET WHO HAVE HAD THEIR PORTFOLIOS CHANGED OR MINISTRIES RENAMED ARE:

DATUK HAJI MOHAMED HAJI YAACOB. FORMERLY MINISTER OF POWER,

TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH IS NOW MINISTER OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

DATUK HAJI MOHAMED ASRI HAJI MUDA RETAINS HIS OLD PORTFOLIO BUT HIS MINISTRY'S NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

TAN SRI ONG KEE HUI, FORMERLY MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ENVIRONMENT, IS NOW MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT.

ENCIK MICHAEL CHEN RETAINS HIS PORTFOLIO BUT HIS MINISTRY IS NOW KNOWN AS MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT.

DATUK GHANI GILONG ALSO RETAINS HIS POST BUT HIS MINISTRY HAS BEEN RENAMED MINISTRY OF WORKS AND UTILITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1727/A1

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IN ITEM 101 LEAD CABINET 6 PLS INSERT DROPPED SENTENCE AFTER THE THIRD PARA:

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATO ABDULLAH AHMAD MOVES OVER AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT. — BERNAMA 1800/A1

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LEAD CABINET 6 KUALA LUMPUR ㄟ'ㄟ'ㄟ'

THE DEPUTY MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN SHIFTED TO NEW MINISTRIES ARE:

ENCIK RICHARD HO, FORMERLY DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT, IS NOW DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE.

DATUK SHARIFF AHMAD, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION MOVES OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS, WHILE DATO WAN KADIR ISMAIL MOVES TO ANGKASAPURI.

DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT, FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COORDINATION OF PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, TAKES OVER THE NEWLY CREATED POST OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

DATUK HUSSEIN IN EXPLAINING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW MINISTERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO SAID THAT DATUK SAMAD IDRIS WOULD BE ASSISTING HIM IN SECURITY MATTERS WHILE TAN SRI CHONG HON NYAN WOULD ASSIST HIM IN ECONOMIC MATTERS AND DATUK ATHI NAHAPPAN, IN SENATE MATTERS. — BERNAMA 1745/A1