

Ministers on the move to new posts

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — It will not be until next week before all the Ministers and Deputy Ministers involved in last weekend's Cabinet reshuffle assume their new officers.

Most have started to remove personal items and mementos from one office to another, and there are the usual farewell speeches to make.

Some of the departmental staff have to move along with their Ministers.

The timing of the reshuffle — over the new year — was neat and most Ministers carefully avoided too many engagements planned for January.

Even so, Datuk Musa Hitam, who is now Education Minister, was still at his former Primary Industries Ministry, to receive visiting Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh today.

The former Education Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, has been overseas. Returning tonight he will need a few days to wind up any unfinished business before moving to Wisma Damansara to take up

his Trade and Industry portfolio.

New Primary Industries Minister Datuk Amar Haji Taib Mahmud will return from Kuwait tonight.

Until Datuk Taib vacates his office at Angkasapuri, new Information Minister Datuk Mohamed bin Rahmat cannot effectively move in. At the same time, he has been busy winding up his duties as Deputy Trade and Industry Minister.