

To ensure better rule in the States: Dr. M

Cabinet- style Excocos for all

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KUALA LUMPUR,
Thurs. — **Datuk Seri**
Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today all
State Governments
have been directed to
form "Cabinet-style"
Executive Councils
for efficient adminis-
tration.

He said the responsi-
bilities of the State Go-
vernments had become
so complex as to make it
impractical to retain the
previous system.

The Deputy Prime Mi-
nister added that under
the previous system, the

Executive Councillors
were only involved in the
State administration on a
part-time basis.

Changes

Under the new system,
they would now give
their full attention to
their State's adminis-
tration by being respon-
sible for specific tasks.

He was speaking to re-
porters after a ceremony
to convert 52 people to
Islam at his residence
here this afternoon.

Former Prime Minis-
ter Tunku Abdul Rah-
man and Senate presi-
dent Tan Sri Omar Yoke

Ling Ong were among
the dignitaries present.

Since 1964, Johore and
Pahang have been prac-
tising the committee sys-
tem.

Datuk Seri Dr. Ma-
hathir said with the
appointments of
young leaders to head
the State Govern-
ments, far-reaching
administrative chan-
ges could be expected.

At the same time we
are retaining a few old
ones so as to bring about
continuity in the admin-
istration," he said.

"This effort should
not be misunderstood
that the previous govern-
ments were not efficient
or competent."

He said that changes

were necessary in keep-
ing with the increasing
responsibilities of State
Governments.

All State Govern-
ments — except Johore
and Perlis — were being
headed by new leaders
with less than two terms
in office.

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On the sugar agree-
ment with Australia, Da-
tuk Seri Dr. Mahathir
said a letter of under-
standing was signed in
March by him as the
Trade and Industry Mi-
nister and his Australian
counterpart.

Under the renegotia-
ted agreement, he added
that Malaysia was free
to buy raw sugar from
other sources, including
the open market.

This had enabled the
Government to maintain
retail prices at 65 cents a
kati, he said.

If the previous agree-
ment had not been rene-
gotiated, consumers
would have to pay as
much as 90 cents a kati,
he added.