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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 29 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IN ANNOUNCING HIS NEW CABINET LINE-UP TODAY, WARNED HIS MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES THAT THEY MUST BE CLEAN, EFFECTIVE AND TRUSTWORTHY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: "IF THEY ARE NOT, THEY WILL HAVE TO LEAVE."

"AND IF I AM NOT, I WILL ALSO HAVE TO LEAVE," HE SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON HOW FAR THE NEW LINE-UP REFLECTS THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S PLEDGE OF A CLEAN, EFFECTIVE AND TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, SAID THAT AS FAR AS HE KNEW ALL THOSE APPOINTED IN THE NEW LINE-UP ARE CLEAN, EFFECTIVE AND TRUSTWORTHY.

"BUT ALL THESE WILL HAVE TO BE SEEN AND IF THEY ARE NOT THEY WILL HAVE TO LEAVE," HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1453/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD NOT EFFECTED MAJOR CHANGES IN THE LINE-UP TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY AND TO PREVENT DISRUPTIONS IN THE "FLOW OF WORK."

HE SAID HE HAD MADE SOME CHANGES WHEN ASSUMING OFFICE LAST YEAR AND IT WOULD BE VERY UNSETTLING TO MINISTERS IF THEY WERE KEPT CHANGING AS THEY WOULD HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN IN THEIR NEW PORTFOLIOS.

CHANGES WOULD BE MADE ONLY WHEN THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY AND IN THE NEW LINE-UP HE HAD ONLY SLOTTED IN NEW MINISTERS IN PLACES WHICH HAD BEEN VACATED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO EXPECTS THOSE APPOINTED TO BE VERY ACTIVE BOTH IN OVERSEEING THE RUNNING OF THEIR MINISTRIES AS WELL AS IN MAINTAINING DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE.

HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HIS MOVES TO CREATE AN EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT WAS AN ON-GOING EXERCISE.

"NO SINGLE MOVE CAN REALLY RESULT IN AN ABSOLUTELY EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT AND WHAT WE ARE DOING IS TO CONSTANTLY STUDY THE VARIOUS ASPECTS IN THE RUNNING OF THE GOVERNMENT TO DETECT FAULTS SO AS TO REMEDY THEM," HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1447/LK

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD BRIEF HIS MINISTERS ON WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THEM AT THE FIRST CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY.

HE WOULD ALSO HOLD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES.

HE ALSO PLANNED TO MEET THE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS FROM ALL THE STATES TO BRIEF THEM ON THE "RIGHT" INTERPRETATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS "SO THAT IT WOULD BE IN LINE WITH WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND."

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HIS INTERPRETATION OF A CLEAN, EFFECTIVE AND TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT MEANT THAT ALL THOSE APPOINTED MUST DO A CLEAN JOB AND NOT GET INVOLVED IN CORRUPT PRACTICES.

THEY MUST ALSO PAY FULL ATTENTION TO THEIR DUTIES AND MUST ALL THE TIME GIVE THEIR BEST TO THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT. --
BERNAMA 1510/LK