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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 18 (BERNAMA)--DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ISSUED A FRESH DIRECTIVE REQUIRING ALL CABINET MINISTERS TO DECLARE THEIR ASSETS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE DIRECTIVE WAS APPLICABLE TO BOTH THE NEWLY-APPOINTED MINISTERS AND THOSE RETAINED IN THE CABINET LINE-UP ANNOUNCED LAST SATURDAY.

HE ISSUED THE DIRECTIVE AT TODAY'S CABINET MEETING- THE FIRST MEETING SINCE THE RESHUFFLE.

+ALL MINISTERS WHOSE DECLARATIONS OF ASSETS HAVE LAPSED AFTER TWO YEARS AND THE NEW APPOINTEES WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT THEIR DECLARATIONS TO ME ,+ HE TOLD BERNAMA AFTER-CHAIRING THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING AT HIS OFFICE HERE.

.. DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAD PRIOR-TO THIS ISSUED A DIRECTIVE MAKING IT COMPULSORY FOR ALL CABINET MINISTERS TO DECLARE THEIR ASSETS EVERY TWO YEARS.--MORE

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE EXPECTED THE DECLARATIONS TO BE READY AND SUBMITTED TO HIM IN TWO OR THREE MONTHS.

DURING TODAY'S MEETING? THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE ALSO IMPRESSED UPON THE MINISTERS THE NEED TO SURRENDER ALL THEIR BUSINESS INTERESTS INCLUDING THOSE HELD BY THEIR WIVES.

HE ALSO GAVE A PEP-TALK ON THE MINISTERS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE ATTITUDE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED OF THEM.

THREE MINISTERS, ENCIK DAIM ZAINUDDIN (FINANCE), DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR (WELFARE SERVICES) AND DATUK KHALIL YAKOB (PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT) MADE THEIR DEBUT AT TODAY'S MEETING.

THEY WERE AMONG THE LAST TO LEAVE THE MEETING WHICH ENDED AT 12.30 P.M.

THE NOTABLE ABSENTEES WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM WHO IS ON VACATION OVERSEAS, AND THE NEW TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, WHO IS HOLIDAYING IN PARIS.-- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGES IN THE SET-UP OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THE CABINET.

+THE NEW MINISTERS WILL TAKE OVER THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES UNDER THEIR PORTFOLIOS TO REPLACE THOSE WHO HAVE RESIGNED OR HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO OTHER MINISTRIES,+ H-E ADDED;---BERNAMA