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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND HIS NEW CABINET WERE SWORN IN BEFORE THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AT ISTANA NEGARA TODAY.

THE MINISTERS, INCLUDING DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, TOOK THEIR OATH OF OFFICE AND PLEDGE OF LOYALTY AS WELL AS THE OATH OF SECRECY.

ONLY AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID WAS ABSENT. HE IS SAID TO HAVE LEFT TO PERFORM THE HAJ.

ALL THE DEPUTY MINISTERS ALSO TOOK THEIR OATH OF OFFICE, EXCEPT FOR DEPUTY HOME MINISTER DATUK MEGAT JUNID MEGAT AYOB AND DEPUTY HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER PUAN NAPSIAH OMAR WHO ARE ALSO IN THE HOLY LAND.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOOK HIS OATH OF OFFICE AT 3.27PM, BEFORE SIGNING THE APPOINTMENT LETTER WITNESSED BY LORD PRESIDENT TUN SALLEH ABAS AND CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMED.

HE WAS FOLLOWED BY ENCIK GHAFAR, THEN BY THE OTHER MINISTERS IN GROUPS OF FIVE. -- MORE  
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THE FIRST GROUP COMPRISED WORKS MINISTER DATUK S.SAMY VELLU, PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK DR LIM KENG YAIK, INFORMATION MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH AND ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS MINISTER DATUK LEO MOGGIE.

THE SECOND CONSISTED OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ, LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD, DEFENCE MINISTER DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI, FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM AND SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DATUK AMAR STEPHEN YONG.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY WELFARE SERVICES MINISTER DATUK SHAHRIR ABDUL SAMAD, EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM, FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTER DATUK HAJI ABU HASSAN OMAR, FINANCE MINISTER DAIM ZAINUDDIN AND TRANSPORT MINISTER DATUK DR LING LIONG SIK.

THE LAST GROUP WERE MADE UP OF HEALTH MINISTER DATUK CHAN SIANG SUN, LABOUR MINISTER DATUK LEE KIM SAI AND +NEW FACES+ CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK AND MINISTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK ABDUL AJIB AHMAD AND ENCIK KASITAH GADAM.

THE FIRST GROUP OF DEPUTY MINISTERS TO BE SWORN IN COMPRISED DATUK K.PATHMANABAN (HEALTH), HAJI BUJANG ULIS (EDUCATION), DATUK ABANG ABU BAKAR MUSTAPHA (DEFENCE), ENCIK LUHAT WAN (AGRICULTURE) AND ENCIK KASSIM AHMAD (LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT). -- MORE  
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THE SECOND GROUP OF DEPUTY MINISTERS COMPRISED DATUK S. SUBRAMANIAM (NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT), MAJAH RAHMAN OSMAN (TRANSPORT), DATUK SABBARUDIN CHIK (FINANCE), DATUK ABDUL KADIR SHEIKH FAZIR (FOREIGN) AND DATUK RADZI SHEIKH AHMAD (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES).

THEN CAME DATUK OO GIN SUN (PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), DATUK ZAINAL ABIDIN ZIN (ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS), DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR (PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), ENCIK DAUD TAHA (PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) AND ENCIK NG CHENG KIAT (FINANCE).

THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY ENCIK NG CHENG KUAI AND DATUK TAJOL ROSLI GHAZALI (BOTH NATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT), ENCIK MUSTAFFA MOHAMED (WORKS), DATUK ALEX LEE (AGRICULTURE) AND WAN ABU BAKAR WAN MOHAMED (LABOUR).

THE LAST GROUP CONSISTED OF ENCIK WANG CHOON WING (CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS), DR SITI ZAHARAH SULAIMAN (PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), DATUK KOK WEE KIAT (TRADE AND INDUSTRY), ENCIK WONG SEE CHIN (EDUCATION) AND ENCIK KALAKAU UNTOL (LABOUR). -- MORE  
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MUSLIM MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS WORE BLACK NATIONAL DRESS WHILE THE OTHERS WERE IN DARK LOUNGE SUITS.

THE TWO-HOUR CEREMONY, HELD IN THE BALAI RONG SERI, WAS ALSO WITNESSED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT, ARMED FORCES AND POLICE OFFICIALS.

THE RAJA PERMAISURI AGONG WAS PRESENT. -- BERNAMA  
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