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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 23 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ANNOUNCED THE UPGRADING OF A DEPUTY MINISTER TO A FULL MINISTER, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS AND A PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY.

DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER NG CHENG KIAT FROM THE MCA WAS APPOINTED HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER, A PORTFOLIO HELD TEMPORARILY BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA FOLLOWING THE FORMATION OF THE CABINET AFTER THE AUGUST GENERAL ELECTION.

IN A STATEMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TANJUNG MALIM MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LOKE YUEN YOW FROM THE MCA WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER, TAKING OVER FROM ENCIK NG.

PAPAR MP OSU HAJI SUKAM WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY WORKS MINISTER WHILE SILAM MP RAILEY JAFFREY WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY INFORMATION MINISTER. BOTH ARE FROM USNO. -- MORE
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TAPAH MP M.G.PANDITHAN WAS APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY. HE IS AN MIC VICE-PRESIDENT.

ENCIK LOKE YUEN YOW IS AN MCA CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHILE ENCIK OSU IS AN USNO VICE-PRESIDENT AND ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL. ENCIK RAILEY IS HEAD OF USNO YOUTH.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG HAD CONSENTED TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER THEIR SWEARING-IN. -- BERNAMA
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