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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 17 (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TODAY APPOINTED ALL THE NINE MENTERIS BESAR AND THE MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER AS STATE PARTY LIAISON CHIEFS -- SIX BEING RE-APPOINTMENTS AND FOUR, NEW APPOINTMENTS.

EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM WHO IS AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT IS APPOINTED PULAU PINANG LIAISON CHIEF REPLACING DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI. ONLY IN PULAU PINANG IS THE LIAISON CHIEF NOT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE STATE.

DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID WAS RE-APPOINTED SECRETARY-GENERAL, ENCIK DAIM ZAINUDDIN TREASURER-GENERAL AND SENATOR HAJI HUSSEIN AHMAD, INFORMATION CHIEF.

THE APPOINTMENTS AS WELL AS THE APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN NOMINATED MEMBERS TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL WERE ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S FIRST MEETING SINCE THE APRIL PARTY ELECTIONS. THE MEETING LASTING ABOUT AN HOUR WAS HELD AT UMNO HEADQUARTERS HERE.

BESIDES ENCIK ANWAR, THE NEW STATE LIAISON CHIEFS ARE DATUK HAJI MUHAMMAD BIN MUHAMMAD TAIB (SELANGOR), HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN (JOHOR), DATUK KHALIL YAKOB (PAHANG) AND DR HAMID PAWANTEH (PERLIS).

THEY REPLACE DATUK HAJI AHMAD RAZALI MOHAMED ALI (SELANGOR), DATUK ABDUL AJIB AHMAD (JOHOR), DATUK SERI MOHAMAD NAJIB TUN ABDUL RAZAK (PAHANG) AND DATUK HAJI ALI AHMAD (PERLIS). -- MORE

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THE LIAISON CHIEFS RE-APPOINTED ARE DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF (KEDAH), DATUK MOHAMAD YAACOB (KELANTAN), DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB (PERAK), DATUK SERI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD (TERENGGANU), DATUK MOHAMAD ISA ABDUL SAMAD (NEGERI SEMBILAN) AND DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM THAMBY CHIK (MELAKA).

FEDERAL TERRITORY UMNO IS HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT GHAFAR BABA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS NORMAL PRACTICE FOR THE PARTY TO APPOINT MENTERIS BESAR AS STATE LIAISON CHIEFS BUT THIS WAS NOT A RULE AND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, OTHERS WERE APPOINTED.

THE SEVEN NOMINATED SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PUAN NAPSIAH OMAR (NEGERI SEMBILAN), DATUK MOHAMAD RAHMAT (JOHOR), DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB (PERAK), ENCIK SHAHBUDDIN MOHAMED NOOR (KELANTAN), DATUK SHAMSURI SALLEH (PULAU PINANG), DATUK HAJI KHALID ABDULLAH (KEDAH) AND ENCIK MOHAMAD NOR MOHAMED DOM (JOHOR).

EIGHT NEW DEPUTY STATE LIAISON CHIEFS APPOINTED ARE DATUK SHAARI JUSOH (PERLIS), DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR (TERENGGANU), DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK (PAHANG), HAJI ABDUL RAZAK SAMAH (FEDERAL TERRITORY) HAJI KHALID YUNUS (NEGERI SEMBILAN), DATUK NASIR MANAP (MELAKA), DATUK MOHAMAD RAHMAT (JOHOR) AND DATUK MOHAMAD ARSHAD ABDULLAH (PERAK). -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNITY BUREAU CHAIRED BY PUAN NAPSIAH.

HE SAID IT WAS SET UP BECAUSE UMNO FELT IT WAS TIME POLITICAL PARTIES PLAYED A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN FOSTERING UNITY IN THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALL THIS BEEN THE ONE TO PLAY THIS ROLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CONTINUES TO HOLD THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU WHILE ENCIK GHAFAR IS RE-APPOINTED CONSTITUTION AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEES CHAIRMAN.

OTHER BUREAU AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ARE DATUK MOHAMAD RAHMAT (INFORMATION), DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS), ENCIK DAIM (FINANCE AND BUILDINGS) DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK (CULTURE), DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ (ECONOMIC), ENCIK ANWAR (EDUCATION), DATUK SERI NAJIB (LABOUR AND YOUTH), DATUK WAN MOKHTAR (RELIGIOUS) AND DATUK OF UMNO'S

EXPANSION TO SABAH.

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