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LEAD CABINET-RESHUFFLE R' R' R'

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY RESHUFFLED THE CABINET, FILLING ONE VACANCY AND MOVING SEVERAL MINISTERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN THEIR PORTFOLIOS A LONG TIME TO OTHER MINISTRIES.

HE ALSO TRANSFERRED SIX DEPUTY MINISTERS, PROMOTED ONE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO DEPUTY MINISTER AND APPOINTED TWO PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES.

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SAID THIS EVENING THE RESHUFFLE WAS TO FILL VACANCIES AND TO GIVE SEVERAL MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN NEW EXPERIENCE.

DATUK SERI S. SAMY VELLU, WHO HAS BEEN THE WORKS MINISTER FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS, MOVES TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POST.

DATUK LEO MOGGIE, MINISTER OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POST SINCE THE MINISTRY WAS CREATED IN 1978, IS THE NEW MINISTER OF WORKS. -- MORE

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LABOUR MINISTER ENCIK LEE KIM SAI GOES TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT, REPLACING ENCIK NG CHENG KIAT, WHO TAKES OVER THE HEALTH PORTFOLIO WHICH FELL VACANT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF TAN SRI CHAN SIANG SUN.

LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD TAKES OVER AS MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE. THE JUSTICE PORTFOLIO WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HIMSELF.

THE LAND AND REGIONAL MINISTRY IS NOW UNDER DATUK KASITAH GADAM, FORMERLY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR APPOINTED THE NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BENTUNG, DATUK LIM AH LEK, MINISTER OF LABOUR.

THE STATEMENT SAID THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG HAS CONSENTED TO THE APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS WHICH TAKE IMMEDIATE EFFECT EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT TAKEN THEIR OATH OF OFFICE. THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WILL BE HELD SOON. -- MORE

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THE RESHUFFLE OF DEPUTY MINISTERS INVOLVES DATUK K. PATHMANABAN WHO IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY TO THE LABOUR MINISTRY, DATUK S. SUBRAMANIAM FROM THE HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY TO THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY AND DATUK ALEX LEE FROM THE AGRICULTURE MINISTRY TO THE WORKS MINISTRY.

DEPUTY LABOUR MINISTER DATUK WAN ABU BAKAR TAKES OVER FROM SENATOR FARID ARIFFIN AS DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER AND SENATOR FARID MOVES TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY.

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY DR TING CHEW PEH IS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK OO GIN SUN HAS RESIGNED.

DEPUTY WORKS MINISTER ENCIK OSU SUKAM IS TRANSFERRED TO THE HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY.

THE MP FOR BAKRI, ENCIK CHUA JUI MENG, IS APPOINTED PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY. TRADE AND INDUSTRY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY M.G. PANDITHAN, WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM THE MIC, HAS BEEN DROPPED AND HIS POST GOES TO DATUK DR K.S. NIJHAR, MIC DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

(NO PICKUP). -- BERNAMA  
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