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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THAT THE CABINET RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED TODAY IS AIMED AT PROVIDING NEW EXPERIENCE TO THE MINISTERS WITH THE CHANGE OF MINISTRIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE REGARDED THE RESHUFFLE AS A MINOR CHANGE WITHOUT HAVING TO RELIEVE ANY MINISTERS OF THEIR POSTS.

+THE RESHUFFLE IS ONLY TO ACCOMMODATE NEW MCA MEMBERS AND AT THE SAME TIME MAKING USE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY A ROUND OF 'MUSICAL CHAIR', + HE TOLD REPORTERS HERE AFTER A MEETING WITH UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA DIVISIONAL HEADS.

THE CABINET RESHUFFLE INVOLVES FILLING A VACANCY AND THE TRANSFER OF SEVERAL MINISTERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED A LONG TIME IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSTS.

AMONG THOSE INVOLVED ARE DATUK SERI S. SAMY VELLU WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS, DATUK LEO MOGGIE MADE THE NEW WORKS MINISTER, LABOUR MINISTER ENCIK LEE KIM SAI TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HIS POST TAKEN OVER BY NEWLY ELECTED BENTUNG MP DATUK LIM AH LEK. -- MORE

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HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTER ENCIK NG CHENG KIAT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY VACATED FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF TAN SRI CHAN SIANG SUN.

MINISTER OF LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD IS NOW MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND JUSTICE MINISTER. THE JUSTICE MINISTRY WAS FORMERLY UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER.

THE MINISTER OF LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS NOW DATUK KASITAH GADDAM, FORMERLY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT. -- BERNAMA

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