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LEAD MAHATHIR-CABINET R'R'R'

KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 26 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WHO LED THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO A RESOUNDING VICTORY IN LAST WEEKEND'S GENERAL ELECTION TODAY UNVEILED HIS CABINET WHICH SAW THE CREATION OF A NEW MINISTRY, THE REVAMPING OF SEVERAL OTHERS, THE APPOINTMENT OF THREE NEW FACES AND THE PROMOTION OF THREE DEPUTY MINISTERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO ANNOUNCED THE LINE-UP AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TELECAST LIVE THIS EVENING, DID NOT SPRING ANY MAJOR SURPRISES AS HE RETAINED ALL MEMBERS OF HIS PREVIOUS CABINET EXCEPT THOSE WHO EITHER LOST OR DID NOT STAND IN THE ELECTION.

ALL BN COMPONENT PARTIES EXCEPT SNAP AND PPP ARE REPRESENTED IN THE 25-MEMBER CABINET. HOWEVER, SNAP HAS REPRESENTATION AT THE DEPUTY MINISTER LEVEL WHILE PPP DID NOT CONTEST IN THE ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT ALL STATES (EXCEPT PERLIS) ARE REPRESENTED IN THE LINE-UP, IF NOT IN THE CABINET, THEN AT THE DEPUTY MINISTER AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY LEVEL.

THE NEW PORTFOLIO IS NAMED MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND IS HEADED BY DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD, FORMER MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

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THE THREE NEW FACES IN THE CABINET ARE:

+ KOTA TINGGI MP SYED HAMID TAN SRI SYED JAAFAR ALBAR WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE=

+ USNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT TAN SRI HAJI SAKARAN DANDAI (MINISTER OF LAND AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT)= AND

+ NILAM PURI UMNO DIVISION HEAD HAJI ANNUAR MUSA (YOUTH AND SPORTS).

HAJI ANNUAR, THE ONLY MINISTER FROM KELANTAN WHERE THE BARISAN NASIONAL FAILED TO WIN ANY SEAT, WILL BE SWORN IN AS A SENATOR TOMORROW.

THE THREE DEPUTY MINISTERS PROMOTED ARE DATUK ABANG ABU BAKAR MUSTAPHA (MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), DR TING CHEW PEH (HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT) AND ENCIK LAW HIENG DING (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT). -- MORE

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DATUK SERI MAHATHIR KEEPS THE HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO WHILE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK GHAFAR BABA CONTINUES TO TAKE CHARGE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE MINISTRY, FORMERLY NATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, HAS BEEN RENAMED MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER RETAINS ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DATUK PADUKA DAIM ZAINUDDIN (FINANCE), DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT (INFORMATION), DATUK SERI LING LIONG SIK (TRANSPORT), DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID (AGRICULTURE), DATUK S. SAMY VELLU (ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POST), DATUK SERI LIM KENG YAIK (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES), DATUK LIM AH LEK (HUMAN RESOURCES) AND DATUK LEO MOGGIE (WORKS).

DATUK SERI RAFIDAH AZIZ REMAINS AT TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHICH HAS BEEN REVAMPED AND IS NOW KNOWN AS MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOVED DATUK DR YUSOF NOR FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES, DATUK SERI NAJIB FROM YOUTH AND SPORTS TO DEFENCE, DATUK LEE KIM SIM FROM HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO HEALTH AND DATUK NAPSIAH OMAR FROM PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO A REVAMPED WELFARE SERVICES MINISTRY TO BE CALLED NATIONAL UNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK CONTINUES TO BE IN CHARGE OF CULTURE AND TOURISM BUT WILL HAVE ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES COVERING THE ARTS. HIS PORTFOLIO IS NOW CALLED MINISTRY OF CULTURE, ARTS AND TOURISM. --
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE LINE-UP OF THE NEW CABINET TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF BN COMPONENTS PARTIES AND OF THE STATES.

+BEFORE DRAWING UP THE LIST, I HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH LEADERS OF THE COMPONENT PARTIES. AS A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT, WE SHALL STRIVE TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES THAT BENEFIT MALAYSIANS,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO INTENSIFY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND BRING ABOUT GREATER PROGRESS TO THE PEOPLE.

+I WISH TO REITERATE THAT THE BN WILL CONTINUE TO RUN A TRUSTWORTHY AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE SAID THE NEW MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS SEPARATES HOME FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE FORMERLY MANAGED BY THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY, THEN UNDER DATUK SERI RAFIDAH AZIZ.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SEPARATION OF THE FORMER MINISTRY'S ROLES WAS ALSO TO GIVE ATTENTION TO CONSUMER AFFAIRS.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY PORTFOLIO WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF RAPID GROWTH IN THE TRADE SECTOR HANDLED BY THE PREVIOUS MINISTRY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE POSTS OF DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER AND DEPUTY HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTER ALLOCATED TO THE MIC WOULD BE FILLED LATER. -- MORE
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NEW FACES FROM AMONG THE DEPUTY MINISTERS ARE FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK KADIR SHEIKH FADZIR (DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS), DATUK WONG SEE WAH AND DATUK DR HAJI ABDUL HAMID OTHMAN (BOTH IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT), ENCIK MOHD YASSIN KAMARI (RURAL DEVELOPMENT), TENGKU MAHMUD MANSOR (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES).

DATUK PETER TINGGOM (WORKS), ENCIK CHUA JUI MENG (INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY), DR FONG CHAN ONN (EDUCATION), DATUK CHAN KONG CHOY (CULTURE, ARTS AND TOURISM) AND ENCIK PETER CHIN (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT).

NEW PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES ARE ENCIK DOUGLAS UGGAH EMBAS (PM'S DEPARTMENT), HAJI MOHD SHARIFF HAJI OMAR (AGRICULTURE), ENCIK ONG KAH TING (HEALTH), DATUK FAUZI ABDUL RAHMAN (INFORMATION), ENCIK YONG KHOON SENG (NATIONAL UNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT), ENCIK MOHD NOH RAJAB (LAND AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT) AND DATUK ISMAIL SAID (YOUTH AND SPORTS). -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE NEW LINE-UP OF CABINET MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES HAD BEEN CONSENTED TO BY YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG SULTAN AZLAN SHAH.

THE MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS WILL TAKE THEIR OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE HIS MAJESTY AT THE ISTANA NEGARA AT 3.30PM TOMORROW AND ARE SCHEDULED TO HAVE THEIR FIRST MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY, HE ADDED.

ON THE STAFF OF THE MINISTRIES, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI AHMAD SARJI ABDUL HAMID WAS IN THE MIDST OF DRAWING UP A LIST OF OFFICERS WHO NEED TO BE RE-SHUFFLED ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

TAN SRI AHMAD SARJI WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE. --
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