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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 26 (BERNAMA) -- A NEW MINISTRY HAS BEEN CREATED AND SIX NEW MINISTERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IN THE NEW CABINET ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY.

THE NEW MINISTRY IS THE MINISTRY OF DOMESTIC TRADE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS UNDER DATUK DR SULAIMAN DAUD WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT AND JUSTICE MINISTER.

THREE OF THE SIX MINISTERS ARE NEW FACES. THEY ARE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KOTA TINGGI SYED HAMID ALBAR AS MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WHO ALSO HOLDS THE JUSTICE PORTFOLIO, DEPUTY USNO PRESIDENT TAN SRI HAJI SAKARAN DANDAI (LAND AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT) AND HEAD OF NILAM PURI UMNO DIVISION IN KELANTAN HAJI ANNUAR MUSA (YOUTH AND SPORTS).

HAJI ANNUAR, THE ONLY MINISTER FROM KELANTAN, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A SENATOR AND WILL BE SWORN IN TOMORROW.

THREE OTHER NEW MINISTERS WERE PROMOTED FROM DEPUTY MINISTERS. THEY 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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IN ANNOUNCING THE NEW CABINET AT HIS OFFICE HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE POSTS OF DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER AND DEPUTY HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTER ALLOCATED TO THE MIC WOULD BE FILLED LATER.

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

DATUK SERI RAFIDAH IS NOW THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER.

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

THE NAMES OF FOUR OTHER MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED NAMED TO THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (FORMERLY NATIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT) MINISTRY OF CULTURE, ARTS AND TOURISM (CULTURE AND TOURISM), MINISTRY OF NATIONAL UNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WELFARE SERVICES) AND MINISTRY OF LAND AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT (LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT).

DATUK NAPSIAH OMAR WHO FORMERLY HANDLED THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISES PORTFOLIO IS NOW NATIONAL UNITY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MINISTER.

THE FORMER WELFARE SERVICES MINISTER WAS DATUK MUSTAFFA MOHAMAD.

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THE MOST GLARING PORTFOLIO SWITCH INVOLVED DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK, FROM YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER TO DEFENCE MINISTER SUCCEEDING TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN WHO LOST IN LAST SUNDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION.

DATUK DR YUSOF NOR, FORMERLY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTRY WHILE DATUK LEE KIM SAI, FROM THE HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT MINISTRY TO THE HEALTH MINISTRY.

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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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO HOLDS THE HOME AFFAIRS PORTFOLIO WHILE THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO IS BEING HANDLED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK GHAFAR BABA.

THE OTHER MINISTERS WHOSE PORTFOLIOS REMAIN UNCHANGED ARE DATUK SERI ANWAR IBRAHIM (EDUCATION), DATUK PADUKA DAIM ZAINUDDIN (FINANCE), DATUK SERI DR LING LIONG SIK (TRANSPORT), DATUK SERI S.SAMY VELLU (ENERGY, TELECOMS AND POST), DATUK SERI DR LIM KENG YAIK (PRIMARY INDUSTRIES), DATUK LEO MOGGIE (WORKS), DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID (AGRICULTURE), DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR (FOREIGN AFFAIRS), DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT (INFORMATION), DATUK SABBARUDDIN CHIK (CULTURE, ARTS AND TOURISM) AND DATUK LIM AH LEK (HUMAN RESOURCES).

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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