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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18, (Bernama) -- Datuk S. Subramaniam will be made a senator and will be reappointed deputy minister, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

His portfolio would be announced when he is appointed deputy minister, he told reporters at Parliament House.

The Prime Minister said he could not name the ministry because he has yet to obtain the consent of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said another MIC leader would be appointed a deputy minister. However, the announcement would only be made after he had obtained the consent of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. -- more

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Datuk Subramaniam had announced his resignation as deputy president of the MIC after he was dropped, along with party vice-president Datuk K. Pathmanaban, from the party's list of candidates for the general election last year.

On the initiative of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, Datuk Subramaniam and MIC President Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu agreed to reconcile their differences and pledged to cooperate in the interests of the party, Indian community and the country.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he had yet to make a decision on the request by Datuk Paduka Daim Zainuddin to resign as the finance minister.

Asked about a news report on the sale of Bank Bumiputra by Petronas to the government, the Prime Minister confirmed it but added that the Finance Minister would be best able to answer questions on the sale. -- Bernama

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