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Reshuffle

ABU HASSAN RESHUFFLES STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

SHAH ALAM, June 10 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar reorganised the state executive council today relieving some councillors of too many portfolios or adding new responsibilities for some.

"I've submitted and obtained Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's endorsement of the revised portfolios," he told a press conference after chairing a state executive council weekly meeting here.

The revamped line-up: (old portfolios in parenthesis)

* Youth, Sports and Rural Development - Datuk Zainal Dahlan (Rural Development and Entrepreneurial Development);

* Research and Development - Datuk Tang See Hang (Village Development, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs);

* Entrepreneur Development, Education and Human Resource Development - Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Ahmad (Education, Human Resource Development and Personnel);

* Squatters and Women's Affairs Datin Paduka Rakibah Abdul Manap (Infrastructure and Women's Affairs);

* Unity and Social Development - Ch'ng Toh Eng (Science, Technology and Environment, Youth and Sports);

* Information, Agriculture and Fisheries Datuk Abdul Fatah Iskandar (Agriculture, Fisheries, Research and Development);

* Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs - K. Sivalingam (Estate and mine-workers housing, Unity and Social Development);

* Industry and Investment, Local Government and Municipalities - Datuk Sharif Jajang (Industry and Investment, Information and Information Technology);

* Infrastructure and Information Technology - Datuk Fuad Hassan (Squatters, Local Government and Municipalities).

The menteri besar himself and Dr Pius Martin retained their old portfolios -- Martin as chairman of the Health, Culture and Tourism Committee and Abu Hassan, chairman of the Islamic Affairs, Finance and Budget, Planning, Privatisation, Land and Housing Committee.

He said Rakibah has gone on three months leave because of health reasons and her responsibility over squatters was being handled by Fuad and that over women's affairs, by Ch'ng.

Abu Hassan dismissed notions that the reshuffle was out of his dissatisfaction with the performance of his executive councillors.

"If I'm not satisfied with them, I'll just drop them," he added.

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