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KING INFORMED OF APPOINTMENT OF DPM AND OTHER CABINET CHANGES

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today informed the Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's appointment as Deputy Prime Minister.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Department said the king was also informed of the other appointments and portfolio changes of ministers and deputy ministers that was announced by Dr Mahathir yesterday.

The king, the statement said, had consented to the promotion of Datuk Mohamad Tajol Rosli Mohd Ghazali and Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman as full ministers, and Senator Datuk Ibrahim Ali's appointment as a deputy minister.

Their appointments will take effect after they are sworn in before the king at Istana Negara at 2.30pm on Tuesday, it said.

For ministers and deputy ministers who have been given new portfolios, the changes take effect on Monday.

They need not be sworn in as they had already taken the oath at the time of their appointments as ministers or deputy ministers, the statement said.

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