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SHAHRIZAT'S MINISTRY RENAMED WOMEN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- The Women Affairs Ministry, headed by Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, will now be known as the Women and Family Development Ministry.

The Prime Minister's department said in a statement here today that the ministry will take over the functions of the Women Affairs Department and that of the National Population and Family Development Board.

Charged with the function of overseeing the direct and indirect development of women in the context of family orientation, the statement said the organisation structure of the ministry is being worked out by the Public Services Department and the Ministry of Finance.

The other functions of the ministry will be decided after the organisational structure is ready and discussions held with the relevant ministries and agencies.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad appointed Shahrizat on Jan 17 to head the new ministry.

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