

New cabinet - Waytha, Khairy, Paul Low in; MCA out
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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak unveiled his "transformation cabinet" this evening, which included P Waythamoorthy (below) of Hindraf as a deputy minister in the Prime Minister's Department.

hindraf 5th anniversary 251112 waythamoorthy waytha moorthyIt also included Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin who was overlooked in the last cabinet - he is tapped as sports and youth minister.

No one from MCA and Gerakan has been included in the new cabinet. However, Najib said that the door is still open to MCA participation if the party amends its decision not to participate in the cabinet.

Another surprise was the appointment of Transparency International-Malaysia president Paul Low (below) as Minister in Prime Minister's Department.

Maybank Berhad chief executive officer Abdul Wahid Omar was roped in as a Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, and most probably will be in charge of Economic Planning Unit.

NONEHowever, Najib did not name the responsibilities of the six ministers in his department, an increase of one compared to his previous cabinet.

The Transport Ministry is understood to be the ministry allocated for MCA, which will be helmed by Hishammuddin Hussein.

Another new face in the cabinet is Abdul Rahman Dahlan, who has been named local government and housing minister.

This cabinet also sees a merger between the education and higher education ministries.

Najib unveiled his cabinet at his office at 5pm. The announcement, Najib's first official action as head of government following the May 5 general election, was telecast live by local TV channels.

najib new cabinet 150513Najib had earlier submitted the cabinet list to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and said his majesty had given his approval to Najib's cabinet list.

"I believe this is a balanced cabinet. It's a balance between the experienced, technocrats and young leaders," he said.

As for MCA's resolution not to take up government positions, Najib said that MCA has to amend its resolution before it can participate in the cabinet.

"If they re-consider later, we have a ministry post ready for them," he said, referring to the Transport Ministry.

Najib's new cabinet is heavily dominated by Umno and PBB with 20 ministers, while PBB (Sarawak) has four. The other posts go to MIC, two, PRS (Sarawak), PBRs, PBS and Upko (Sabah) all have one each.

Three ministers, all of whom are in the PM's Department, have no party affiliation.

FULL LIST

Prime Minister and Finance I: Najib Abdul Razak (Umno)

DPM and Education I: Muhyiddin Yassin (Umno)

Ministers in Prime Minister's Department:

Jamil Khir Baharom (Umno)

Idris Jala (no party affiliation)

Abdul Wahid Omar (no party affiliation)

Joseph Kurup (PBRs)

Nancy Shukri (PBB)

Joseph Entulu (PRS)

Paul Low Seng Kuan (no party affiliation)

Shahidan Kassim (Umno)

Deputies - P Waythamoorthy (no party affiliation), Razali Ibrahim (Umno)

Finance II: Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah (Umno)

Deputy - Ahmad Maslan (Umno)

Education II: Idris Jusoh (Umno)

Deputies - Mary Yap (PBS), P Kamalanathan (MIC)

Defence: Hishammuddin Hussein (Umno)

Deputy - Abdul Rahim Bakri (Umno)

Transport: Hishammuddin Hussein (acting) (Umno)

Deputy - Abdul Aziz Kaprawi (Umno)

Home: Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (Umno)

Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar (PBB)

Works: Fadillah Yusof (PBB)

Deputy - Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin (Umno)

International Trade and Industry: Mustapa Mohamed (Umno)

Deputy - Hamim Samuri (Umno)

Foreign Affairs: Anifah Aman (Umno)

Deputy - Hamzah Zainudin (Umno)

Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumer Affairs: Hasan Malek (Umno)

Deputy - Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah (senator) (Umno)

Communications and Multimedia: Ahmad Shabery Cheek (Umno)

Deputy - Jailani Johari (Umno)

Human Resources: Richard Riot Jaem (SUPP)

Deputy - Ismail Abdul Muttalib (Umno)

Rural and Regional Development: Shafie Apdal (Umno)

Deputy - Alexander Nanta Linggi (PBB)

Urban Well-Being, Housing and Local Government: Abdul Rahman Dahlan (Umno)

Deputy - Halimah Mohd Saddique (Umno)

Youth and Sports: Khairy Jamaluddin (Umno)

Deputy - Saravanan Murugan (MIC)

Health: Dr S Subramaniam (MIC)

Deputy - Hilmi Yahaya (Umno)

Federal Territories: Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor (Umno)

Deputy - J Loga Bala Mohan (senator) (PPP)

Plantation Industries and Commodities: Douglas Uggah Embas (PBB)

Deputy - Noriah Kasnon (Umno)

Energy, Water and Green Technology: Maximus Ongkili (PBS)

Deputy - Mahdzir Khalid (Umno)

Agriculture and Agro-based Industries: Ismail Sabri Yaakob (Umno)

Deputy - Tajuddin Abdul Rahman (Umno)

Tourism and Culture: Nazri Abdul Aziz (Umno)

Deputy - Joseph Salang Gandum (PRS)

Science, Technology and Innovation: Ewon Ebin (Upko)

Deputy - Abu Bakar Mohamad Diah (Umno)

Natural Resources and Environment: G Palanivel (MIC)

Deputy - James Dawos Mamit (PBB)

Women, Family and Community Development: Rohani Abdul Karim (PBB)

Deputy - Azizah Mohd Dun (Umno)

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