

Kit Siang laments lack of new blood

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 14: Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang today said the Cabinet reshuffle was a "disappointment".

"There is no infusion of new blood," he said.

Lim said it was a letdown as only two ministers were dropped from the line-up, Datuk Dr Shafie Salleh from Higher Education and Datuk Leo Michael Toyad from Tourism.

Lim said he hoped Datuk Mustapa Mohamed's appointment as Higher Education Minister would end "the blight in tertiary education" in Malaysia.

On Datuk Zainudin Maidin's appointment as Information Minister, he said it was a signal that hard times awaited the mass media, press freedom and freedom of information in Malaysia.

"Zainudin's shock promotion raises the question whether the curtain is beginning to come down on Abdullah's reform pledge," he said.

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