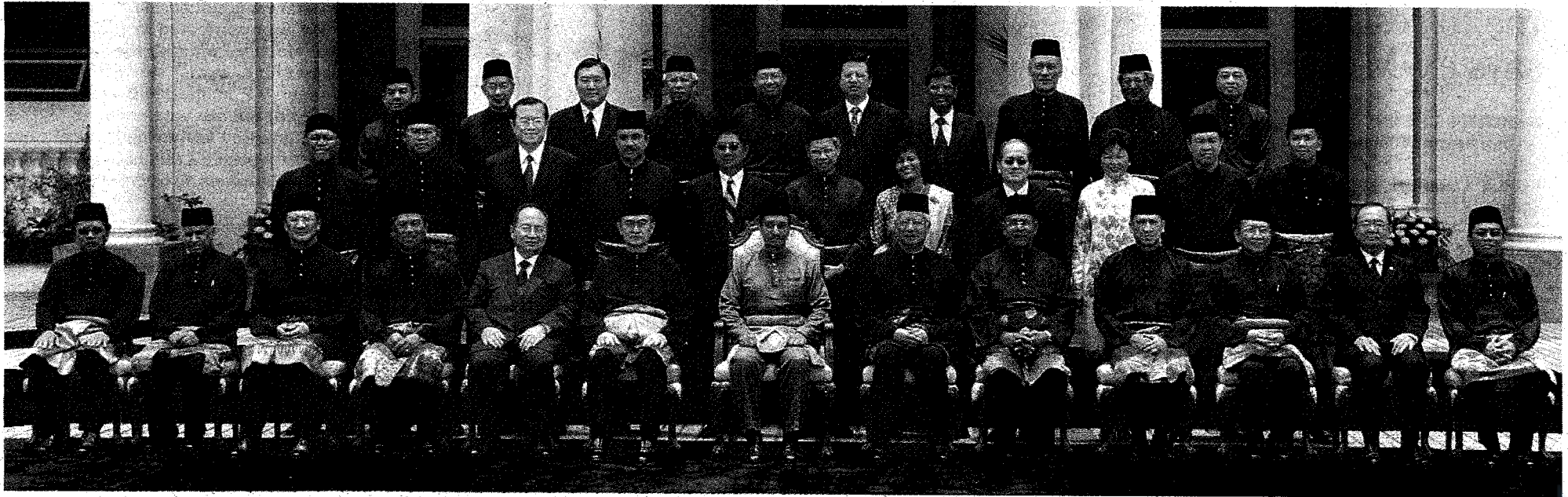


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New team sworn in

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The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin (centre), Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (on his right), Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (on his left) and the newly-appointed ministers and deputy ministers posing for a photograph after the swearing-in ceremony at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Datuk Seri Tengku Azlan Abu Bakar and Datuk Anifah Aman, who were appointed Deputy Foreign Minister and Deputy Transport Minister respectively, did not turn up. The ceremony went on smoothly with Chief Justice Datuk Abdul Hamid Mohamad as the witness. Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan was also present, as were MCA president Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting and MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu. Najib was the first to be sworn in as Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, followed by 30 ministers and 34 deputies. Abdullah held his first Cabinet meeting after the ceremony.