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15 new faces appointed after major shake-up

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak unveiled his Cabinet featuring 15 new faces in a major shake-up to strengthen the government administration.

Sabah and Sarawak were well rewarded for their performance in GE13 with the appointment of 12 ministers and eight deputy ministers.

With 32 ministers, the new Cabinet is slightly bigger than the 30-member line-up it replaces. Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department now total eight.

In an unprecedented move, Najib appointed Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein as

"caretaker minister" of Transport, a portfolio traditionally held by MCA.

Hishammuddin is now Defence Minister in a direct swop with Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who takes over the Home Ministry.

Other old hands in the Cabinet include Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Rural and Regional Development Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal and Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz, who is now Tourism Minister.

Najib also appointed two technocrats – Maybank president and chief executive officer Datuk Seri Abdul Wahid Omar and Transparency International Malaysia president Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan – as ministers in

the Prime Minister's Department. One of their colleagues is the CEO of the Government's delivery unit Pemandu, Datuk Seri Idris Jala.

Wahid is expected to head the Economic Planning Unit while Low leads the anti-graft fight.

The new blood includes Rembau MP Khairy Jamaluddin as Youth and Sports Minister while Kota Belud MP Datuk Rahman Dahlan will hold the newly created portfolio of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government.

Both represent Umno's progressive voice and their appointment is seen as the party's acknowledgement of the importance of winning over the young, urban and middle-class voters.

Six deputy ministers were elevated to full ministers.

They are Tan Sri Joseph Kurup and Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun, who are Ministers in the PM's Department, Datuk Fadhillah Yusof (Works), Datuk Richard Riot (Human Resources), Datuk Hassan Malik (Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism) and Datuk Rohani Karim (Women, Family and Community Development).

Eleven members of the previous Cabinet have either retired, moved to a state seat or lost in the general election. Two others were dropped. They are former Agriculture and Agro-based Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar and former Works Minister Datuk Shaziman Abu Mansor.