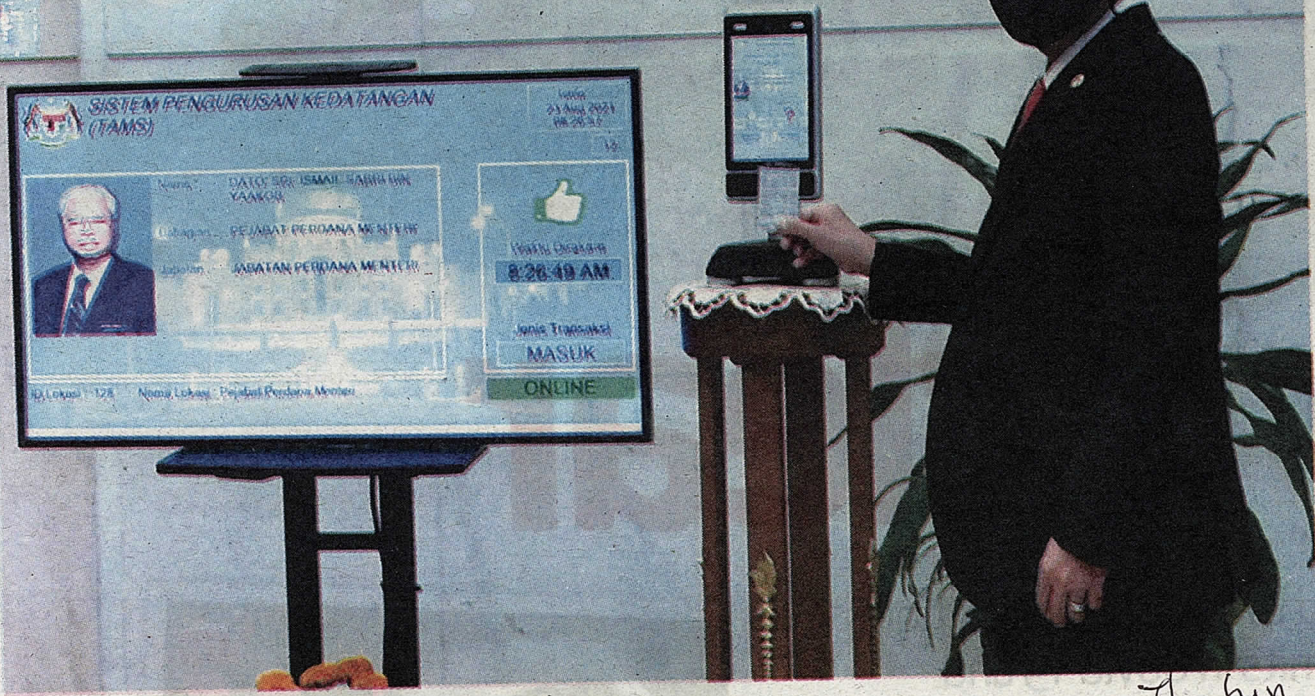


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PUTRAJAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob started work officially at Perdana Putra yesterday.

The premier, who arrived at the main block of Perdana Putra, which houses the Prime Minister's Office at about 8.25am, was greeted by Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Zuki Ali and senior deputy secretary-general of the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Jamil Rakon.

Also present were Public Services Director-General Tan Sri Mohd Khairul Adib

Abd Rahman, Attorney-General Tan Sri Idrus Harun, Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani and Armed Forces Chief Jen Tan Sri Affendi Buang, Bernama reported.

Ismail Sabri, who was in a black suit, clocked in at his office on Level 5 of the Perdana Putra building, and this was followed by the reading of a *doa* led by the Prime Minister's Department integrity officer Muhd Redza Ahmad, before he signed the welcome book.

Ismail Sabri, 61, took his oath of office as Malaysia's 9th prime minister on Saturday.

His appointment was consented by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah in accordance with Article 40(2)(a) and Article 43(2)(a) of the Federal Constitution.

In his maiden speech as prime minister on Sunday, Ismail Sabri introduced the concept of the Malaysian Family, urging people of various religions and races to help the nation recover from the economic and health crises.