

# ANWAR UNVEILS CABINET LINE-UP

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**F**OLLOWING more than a week of intense speculation, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim finally unveiled his cabinet line-up yesterday, albeit not in full.

The highly-anticipated announcement came nine days after Anwar, who is the Pakatan Harapan (PH) chairman and PKR president, was sworn in as the country's 10th prime minister.

The cabinet is also historic as it comprised members of all sides of the country's first unity government, made up of Pakatan Harapan, Barisan Nasional as well as Borneo bloc parties, including Gabungan Parti Sarawak and Gabungan Rakyat Sabah.

In a surprise move, Anwar, in a televised press conference last night, announced that he will also be helming the finance portfolio in his 28-member cabinet.

This marks the second time Anwar will be assuming the post, having held it when he was deputy prime minister in the 1990s.

He will be assisted by two deputy prime ministers, namely BN chairman and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, as well as Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) vice-president and GPS chief whip Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

The two will hold dual portfolios, with Zahid also serving as rural and regional development minister while Fadillah will also hold the plantation industries and commodities minister post.

DAP secretary-general Anthony Loke will make a comeback as transport minister, a role he first held under the Pakatan Harapan government in 2018.

Parti Amanah Negara president Mohamad Sabu will head the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry and PKR deputy pres-

ident Rafizi Ramli will become the economic affairs minister.

Former Dewan Rakyat deputy speaker Nga Kor Ming has been appointed local government development minister and Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan is defence minister.

Alexander Nanta Linggi, who was formerly the domestic trade and consumer affairs minister, will now helm the Works Ministry.

Pakatan Harapan (PH) secretary-general Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution will be taking over the home minister's post.

Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, who was initially touted as one of the candidates for the finance portfolio, has instead been appointed as the international trade and industry minister.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Khaled Nordin will head the Higher Education Ministry and PKR vice-president Chang Lih Kang is the new science and technology minister. Chang will be one of the youngest ministers at 42.

Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri, formerly the tourism minister, will now head the Women, Family and Community Development Ministry.

PH vice-president Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub has been tasked with managing the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry.

Umno's Datuk Seri Azalina Othman Said, meanwhile, has been made the minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of law and institutional reform.

PKR vice-president Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad will lead the Environment and Climate Change Ministry and V. Sivakumar, who is DAP deputy secretary-general and Batu Gajah member of parliament, is the new human resources minister.

Meanwhile, Datuk Ewon Benedick of Upko is the entrepreneur development and co-operatives minister. Former Perak menteri besar Datuk Seri Zambry Abdul Kadir is making a return as foreign minister.

Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing of GPS is the new tourism minister while PH strategic director Fahmi Fadzil marks his cabinet debut as digital communications minister.

The education portfolio will be helmed by PKR Women's chief Fadhlina Sidek.

Datuk Aaron Ago Dagang, formerly deputy health minister II, is the new unity minister.

Datuk Dr Na'im Mokhtar, who is the syariah court chief judge, is also made a minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of religious affairs.

Hannah Yeoh, the former deputy women's minister in the previous PH administration, will be making her cabinet

debut in the youth and sports portfolio.

Dr Zaleha Mustafa, who is a first-time MP after winning the Sekijang seat in GE15, would spearhead the Health Ministry.

Datuk Amizan Mohd Ali of GRS and Papar MP will be the third minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Sabah and Sarawak.

Anwar said the deputy ministers would be announced at a later date.

He had earlier said that he will convene a special cabinet meeting on Monday, and that he would introduce "new rules" on ways to manage the ministry, how to work together with civil servants, ways for cabinet ministers to make announcements on policies, and proper expenditure management to avoid overspending.

The prime minister had presented the list to Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah to attain his consent in yesterday morning.

He then went to Ipoh, where he was granted an audience with Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah.

Following the audience, the prime minister then went on a walkabout at the Tanjung Rambutan Market, marking his first return to the Tambun constituency.



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