

PM TELLS MINISTERS TO ACT SWIFTLY

Anwar wants cabinet members to ensure rakyat's expectations are met, issues solved

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DATUK Seri Anwar Ibrahim has directed newly minted ministers to be proactive and promptly address public issues.

All cabinet members, including the newly appointed deputy ministers, have been told to swiftly carry out their responsibilities to ensure the rakyat's expectations are met and their problems resolved.

Communications Minister Fahmi Fadzil, who also serves as the government's spokesperson, said the prime minister conveyed this message to the ministers yesterday at the first meeting following a cabinet reshuffle.

The meeting, attended by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and all cabinet ministers — except for Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is performing the umrah — took place at the Perdana Putra building at 9.30am.

It is understood that during the meeting, the prime minister delivered directives and briefed ministers on the regulations and the direction of his leadership in the unity government.

Fahmi said the cabinet, which includes a technocrat and several



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (centre) chairing the first meeting following a cabinet reshuffle, at the Perdana Putra building in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC COURTESY OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

parliamentarians with ministerial experience, had been well received by the people and also the corporate sector.

He said the prime minister emphasised the urgency for new ministers to act swiftly, with no honeymoon period, to carry out their responsibilities.

He added that the prime minister's decision to reappoint experienced people to the cabinet was driven by the public's desire for substantial change, with the expectation that the new leadership would expedite finding

solutions to the people's problems.

Yesterday marked the start of official duties for all new ministers and deputy ministers, who held "clock-in" sessions and hand-over ceremonies.

On Tuesday, Anwar announced the first cabinet reshuffle after a year of leading the unity government.

Among the changes announced were the introduction of new faces as ministers and deputy ministers, including former Employees Provident Fund chief ex-

ecutive officer Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan as finance minister II.

The reshuffle also saw the return of former ministers such as Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani, who is plantation and commodities minister, Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad reassuming leadership of the Health Ministry and Gobind Singh Deo as digital minister.

Several ministries underwent restructuring, including the splitting of the Communications and Digital Ministry into the Commu-

nications Ministry and the Digital Ministry.

The Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Ministry has been split into the Energy Transition and Public Utilities Ministry and the Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry.

Page 1 pic: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (fourth from right) chairing the first meeting following a cabinet reshuffle, at the Perdana Putra building in Putrajaya yesterday.