

# 'Decision to split ministry based on transformation'

**PUTRAJAYA:** The decision to split the Communications and Digital Ministry in the Cabinet reshuffle yesterday is to address communications and digital transformation in a proper manner, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Anwar said there were many criticisms levied against the government and dealing with communications aspects via social media had been quite a challenge.

"Communications, to impart and disseminate information, have not been that effective or satisfactory, so there must be focus," he said.

Earlier, Anwar had announced that the Communications and Digital Ministry had been divided into the Communications Ministry and Digital Ministry.

Fahmi Fadzil, the current communications and digital minister, has been named

communications minister while former communications and multimedia minister Gobind Singh Deo is now digital minister.

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

Kuala Selangor MP Datuk Seri Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad is back to helm the Health Ministry. He was health minister during the Pakatan Harapan government for 22 months, from May 21, 2018 to Feb 24, 2020, when he faced early challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof, who is in charge of Sabah and Sarawak affairs, has been given a new portfolio, to helm the Energy Transition and Public Utilities Ministry. The Energy Transition and Public Utilities Ministry is a new ministry split from

the Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change Ministry.

Anwar said Fadillah, who is the first deputy prime minister from Borneo, is also responsible for Sabah and Sarawak affairs.

Fadillah previously held the portfolio of plantation and commodities minister, with the post now being held by Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani.

Under the previous Cabinet line-up, the Sabah, Sarawak affairs and special functions portfolio was held by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Armizan Mohd Ali, who was also domestic trade and cost of living acting minister following the death of its incumbent Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub in July.

The reshuffle saw Armizan being appointed as domestic trade and cost of living minister. - Bernama