

PM TO FINALISE NEW CABINET LINE-UP SOON

Appointments guided by people's interests and country's reform agenda, says PM's Office

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is set to finalise the line-up of ministers and deputy ministers in the Madani government soon, following careful and thorough deliberation.

The Prime Minister's Office said in a statement that the appointments would be made with the interests of the people and the nation's reform agenda in mind.

"The prime minister will finalise the list of ministers and deputy ministers in the Madani government after a careful and prudent consideration process, guided by the interests of the people and the country's reform direction," the statement read yesterday.

The cabinet has four vacant posts.

Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli and Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad stepped down in May as economy minister and natural resources and environmental sustainability minister, respectively, after losing PKR elections.

Datuk Ewon Benedick resigned as entrepreneur and cooperatives



Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail taking his oath as senator for a second term in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Behind him is Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir.

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development minister last month over Sabah's 40 per cent revenue entitlement.

On Tuesday, Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz's senatorship came to an end, creating a vacancy in the investment, trade and industry portfolio that he helmed.

In the interim, Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan assumed responsibility for the economy portfolio, and Plantation and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani is overseeing the Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry.

Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi took over the duties of the entrepreneur development and cooperatives minister effective yesterday.

Anwar welcomed the reap-

pointment of Home Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail; Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abd Kadir; and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar as senators for a second term yesterday.

The Prime Minister's Office said this would allow them to continue with key responsibilities, ensuring policy continuity, good governance and support for the nation's reform agenda in line with the Madani vision.

Earlier, the three ministers' swearing-in ceremony was held before Dewan Negara President Datuk Awang Beme Ali Basah. Their appointments will run until Dec 2, 2028.

The three were first sworn in as senators on Dec 3, 2022.