

CABINET MEETING

PM: NO HONEYMOON PERIOD

New cabinet members expected to hit the ground running

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NEWLY appointed members of the reshuffled cabinet are expected to hit the ground running, as there will be no honeymoon period.

Government spokesman Datuk Fahmi Fadzil said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had made this clear during the first

cabinet meeting, following the swearing-in of new ministers and deputy ministers on Wednesday.

He said while no timeline was set for new appointees to deliver results, they were given some space to familiarise themselves with administrative systems and procedures.

“Anwar did not specify a particular timeframe, but it is clear that there is no honeymoon period for the new ministers.

“Some have served as deputy ministers, which means that they are familiar with administrative processes in a ministry.

“However, there are those who have only recently joined the administration and may require some time to understand the intricacies of managing a ministry.”

He added that a cabinet retreat was also expected to be held next month to ensure that the government’s direction, goals and priorities were conveyed, and to provide space for collective preparation for 2026

Fahmi, who is communications minister, said Anwar had reminded those appointed to study and gain a thorough understanding of their ministries and policies before making decisions.

He added that new members were advised on the importance of allowing officers and civil servants sufficient time to present their views before decisions were made.

“I believe that the prime minister will monitor developments, including through the cabinet, to ensure that administrative issues

among cabinet members are addressed promptly.”

Meanwhile, he dismissed criticisms aimed at the selection of the minister and deputy minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Federal Territories), Hannah Yeoh and Datuk Lo Su Fui.

He said decisions or actions taken by ministers in the PM’s Department would be referred to Anwar.

He said Yeoh’s role was to manage the Federal Territories portfolio in the PM’s Department, and she did not operate as the head of a separate ministry.

The issue was also touched on by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at a separate function.

Zahid said Yeoh and Lo’s ap-



Datuk Fahmi Fadzil

pointments would not undermine the Malay agenda in the Federal Territories.

He said Anwar had considered several factors before appointing the duo to lead the portfolios.

“All major decisions were brought before the cabinet, and deliberations were made in accordance with various provisions to ensure that the interests of all parties are safeguarded.

“This is not a racial issue, as the Madani government upholds inclusiveness in the implementation of national agendas, including in the Federal Territories,” he was quoted by Bernama as saying.