

PM announces modest Cabinet line-up

> Reshuffle to ensure appointed ministers work as team and focus on reinvigorating economic growth, says Anwar

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PETALING JAYA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday reshuffled the Madani Cabinet, promoting six deputy ministers and bringing in one new face, injecting fresh energy into key government portfolios.

Among those appointed are Datuk Mustafa Sakmud as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Sabah and Sarawak Affairs; Dr Zulkifli Hasan as Minister for Religious Affairs; Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir as Economy Minister; Datuk Seri Arthur Joseph Kurup; Datuk Seri Noraini Ahmad as Plantation and Commodities Minister; and Datuk Seri Ramanan Ramakrishnan as Human Resources Minister.

In a notable addition, Sungai Petani MP Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari, was named Youth and Sports Minister. All seven appointments mark their first entry in the Unity government.

In a special press conference, Anwar also announced that Hannah Yeoh has been shifted to a new role as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories).

Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani has been appointed Investment, Trade and Industry Minister, moving from his previous post as Plantation and Commodities minister. Sim Tze Tzin will assume the role of Investment, Trade and Industry deputy minister.

Former Human Resources Minister Steven Sim Chee Keong has been reassigned as Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Minister, overseeing micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs), while Datuk Muhammad Alamin has been appointed deputy minister.

New deputy ministers include

Datuk Khairul Firdaus Akbar Khan (Human Resources), Datuk Indera Muhammad Syah Abdullah (Economy), and preacher Marhamah Rosli, who will serve in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs). Datuk Lo Su Fui takes up the post of Federal Territories deputy minister.

Chiew Choon Man and Yuneswaran Ramaraj were appointed Tourism, Arts and Culture and National Unity deputy ministers respectively.

Datuk Mohd Shahar Abdullah is named Economy deputy minister, while Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh is the deputy minister for the Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Ministry.

Several deputy ministers have also been reassigned, including Datuk Chan Fung Hin (Agriculture and Food Security), Datuk Lukanisman Awang Sauni (Foreign Affairs), Lim Hui Ying (Women, Family and Community Development), Adam Adli Abdul Halim (Higher Education), Datuk Hajah Hanifah Hajar Taib (Health), Datuk Seri Abdul Rahman Muhammad (Energy Transition and AI Transformation) and Liew Chin Tong (Finance). Former Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability deputy minister Datuk Seri Huang Tiong Sii is now Plantation and Commodities deputy minister.

Meanwhile, the reshuffle also saw two ministers and one deputy minister dropped from the Cabinet.

The ministers are Datuk Dr Mohd Na'im Mokhtar, who had served as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs) and Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa, formerly the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories).

Mohd Na'im was recently reappointed as a senator for a second term.

Also dropped from the new

Madani government line-up is National Unity deputy minister K. Saraswathy.

The reshuffle comes after four portfolios were already vacant. The posts of Economy Minister, held by Datuk Seri Rafizi Ramli; Minister of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, held by Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad; and Minister of Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives, held by Datuk Ewon Benedick, were left empty following their resignations.

Meanwhile, the position of Investment, Trade and Industry minister, held by Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz, became vacant after his term as senator expired.

Overall, the reshuffle involved three ministerial portfolio changes, 10 deputy ministerial portfolio changes, seven new ministerial appointments and eight new deputy ministerial appointments, bringing the total to 28 ministers and deputy ministers.

Earlier, Anwar said the adjustments were necessary to fill vacancies in the Cabinet.

"This is to ensure the Cabinet works as a team and focuses on reinvigorating economic growth while addressing the people's concerns.

Anwar said the swearing-in ceremony, with the consent of His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim the King of Malaysia, will be held at 10am today at Istana Negara, followed by a Cabinet meeting at 2.30pm.

He expressed gratitude to ministers and deputy ministers who had previously served, adding that the reshuffle would ensure a more cohesive and effective Cabinet.

"The changes focus on strengthening teamwork within the Cabinet, sharpening its focus on economic growth, and addressing public concerns," Anwar said.

NEW CABINET MINISTERS

Senator Dr Zulkifli Hasan
Religious Affairs Minister



Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari
Youth and Sports Minister



Datuk Seri Ramanan Ramakrishnan
Human Resources Minister



Datuk Mustapha Sakmud
Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Sabah and Sarawak Affairs)



Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir
Economy Minister



Datuk Seri Arthur Joseph Kurup
Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability Minister



Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad
Plantation and Commodities Minister



*Cabinet reshuffle announced by PM Anwar Ibrahim on Dec 16, 2025.