

Seven ministers, eight deputy ministers sworn-in

New appointees take oath of office before King at Istana Negara in presence of PM, CJ

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PETALING JAYA: Seven ministers and eight deputy ministers were sworn in yesterday, following the Cabinet reshuffle announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar

Ibrahim on Tuesday.

The oath-taking ceremony was held before His Majesty Sultan Ibrahim, King of Malaysia, at Istana Negara at 10am. Anwar, who is also the Finance minister, was present.

The ministers and deputy ministers took their oaths of office,

allegiance and secrecy, before signing their instruments of appointment, witnessed by Chief Justice Datuk Seri Wan Ahmad Farid Wan Salleh.

Anwar had announced several new appointments and portfolio changes, citing the need to fill existing vacancies and make adjustments within the Cabinet.

Among those sworn in as ministers was Datuk Seri Arthur Joseph Kurup, who was promoted from Agriculture and Food Security

deputy minister to Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability minister.

Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad, formerly Women, Family and Community Development deputy minister is now Plantation and Commodities minister.

Datuk Seri R. Ramanan, previously Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives deputy minister, was appointed as Human Resources minister while Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir, who was formerly Energy Transition and Water Transformation deputy minister, was sworn in as Economy minister.

Datuk Mustapha Sakmud was appointed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Sabah and Sarawak Affairs while Datuk Seri Dr Zulkifli Hasan was promoted from deputy minister to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Religious Affairs).

Sungai Petani MP Dr Mohammed Taufiq Johari was sworn in as the new Youth and Sports minister.

Eight deputy ministers were also sworn in, namely Sim Tze Tzin (Investment, Trade and Industry deputy minister), Datuk Mohd Shahar Abdullah (Economy deputy minister), R. Yuneswaran (National Unity deputy minister), Mordi Bimol (Youth and Sports deputy minister), Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh (Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability deputy minister), Chiew Choon Man (Tourism, Arts and Culture deputy minister), Datuk Lo Su Fui (Prime Minister's Department-Federal Territories deputy minister) and Marhamah Rosli (Prime Minister's Department-Religious Affairs deputy minister).



The King, accompanied by Anwar, arriving for the oath-taking ceremony at Istana Negara yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**