

New federal government sets up 10 ministries - Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, May 11 (Bernama) -- The new Pakatan Harapan federal government has set up 10 ministries that 'need to be filled immediately', Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He also said that the government wanted to create a small Cabinet first.

"We do not want to have a huge Cabinet, but there are certain ministries that need to be filled immediately," he said at a press conference also attended by leaders of the Pakatan Harapan component parties, namely PPBM, PKR, DAP and Amanah.

Dr Mahathir named the portfolios of the 10 ministries as Finance; Home Affairs; Defence; Education; Rural Development; Economy; Public Works; Transport; Multimedia, Science and Technology; and Foreign Affairs.

He said the Pakatan Harapan presidential council had its first meeting today following the general election. The meeting, he said, was to lay down certain policies, such as those stated in the coalition's election manifesto.

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