

Vietnam Appoints New Cabinet Members
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HANOI, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- The National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam, the country's top legislature, on Wednesday approved the appointment of four deputy prime ministers and 22 government members, according to Vietnam news agency.

At its first ongoing session, the 13th NA approved the proposed list of four deputy prime ministers of the 13th government submitted by Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, including two deputy prime ministers of the 12th government, Hoang Trung Hai and Nguyen Thien Nhan.

The deputy prime ministers are all under 60 years old, with Hai as the youngest at 52.

Under the approval, Nguyen Xuan Phuc, 57, Politburo member of the Communist Party of Vietnam's Central Committee (CPVCC) and Minister, Chairman of the Government's Office, and Vu Van Ninh, 56, CPVCC member and currently holding the post of Minister of Finance, are two new deputy prime ministers.

Each of the four deputy prime ministers (compared with five under the 12th government) is in charge of one among four areas including general economy and policies for rural development; economic branches and production; culture, education, science and technology; and interior affairs and corruption prevention.

The 13th NA also approved the appointment of 22 government members, with seven re-elected and 15 newly elected, the youngest at 48 and the oldest at 62.

Accordingly, the seven re-elected ministers include Phung Quang Thanh as Minister of Defense, Vu Huy Hoang as Minister of Industry and Trade, Cao Duc Phat as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hoang Tuan Anh as Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, Pham Vu Luan as Minister of Education and Training, Ha Hung Cuong as Minister of Justice, and Giang Seo Phu as Chairman of the Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs.

The 15 newly-elected ministers include Tran Dai Quang as Minister of Public Security, Pham Binh Minh as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vuong Dinh Hue as Minister of Finance, Bui Quang Vinh as Minister of Planning and Investment, Nguyen Bac Son as Minister of Information and Communications, Nguyen Thai Binh as Minister of Home Affairs, Dinh La Thang as Minister of Transport, Trinh Dinh Dung as Minister of Construction, Nguyen Quan as Minister of Science and Technology, Nguyen Minh Quang as Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, Nguyen Van Binh as Governor of the State Bank of Vietnam, Huynh Phong Tranh as head of the Government Inspectorate, and Vu Duc Dam as Head of the Government's Office.

Two female ministers are Nguyen Thi Kim Tien of the Ministry of Health, and Pham Thi Hai Chuyen, Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social affairs.

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