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# PMO NAMES 16 EAC MEMBERS

## Dr Mahathir chairs council which includes Azmin and Guan Eng

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**T**HE Prime Minister's Office (PMO) yesterday announced the appointment of 16 members of the Economic Action Council (EAC), which will be chaired by Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, effective immediately.

Other members include Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Ignatius Darell Leiking, Works Minister Baru Bian and the Prime Minister's economic adviser Dr Muhammed Abdul Khalid.

Others are former international trade and industry minister Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, Permodalan Nasional Bhd chairman Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Council of Eminent Persons member Professor Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Public Bank managing director Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek and Majlis Amanah Rakyat chairman Dr Hasnita Hashim.

The rest are Bursa Malaysia chairman Datuk Shireen Ann Zaharah Muhiudeen, Asean Busi-

ness Advisory Council Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid, Federation of Malaysian Consumers Association (Fomca) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Paul Selvaraj, lawyer Bah Tony @ Amani William Hunt Abdullah and Masa Depan Malaysia Institute board of trustee member Nizam Mahshar.

The government's decision to form EAC had been mentioned by Dr Mahathir recently, saying that it was tasked with examining and deciding on economic and financial affairs, and people's welfare.

"The council was formed to respond and act on feedback of the people regarding problems they had been facing, particularly matters related to the economy. The key objective of the council is to encourage and stimulate sustainable economic growth, equitable distribution of wealth and further enhance the people's wellbeing.

"The council will also look into issues related to the cost of living, employment, poverty and home ownership," the PMO said.

The Prime Minister's Department Implementation Coordination Unit would be the secretariat for the EAC, it added.

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(From top to bottom, left to right) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, Lim Guan Eng, Datuk Ignatius Darell Leiking, Baru Bian, Dr Muhammed Abdul Khalid, Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, Tan Sri Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Professor Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek, Dr Hasnita Hashim, Datuk Shireen Ann Zaharah Muhiudeen, Tan Sri Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid, Datuk Dr Paul Selvaraj, Bah Tony @ Amani William Hunt Abdullah and Nizam Mahshar.