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CABINET

BY LESLIE MURPHY
KARACHI, OCT. 22, REUTER -- PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO TODAY ANNOUNCED AN EXTENSIVE RESHUFFLE OF PAKISTANS FEDERAL CABINET, DROPPING HIS FINANCE MINISTER AND BRINGING IN FOUR NEW MEN.

THE MAJOR SURPRISE WAS THE DEPARTURE OF MUBASHIR HASAN, 52, MINISTER FOR FINANCE, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE OUTGOING CABINET.

RANA MOHAMMAD HANIF, FORMERLY MINISTER FOR LABOR AND WORKS, TAKES OVER THE PORTFOLIOS OF FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

ELEVEN FEDERAL MINISTERS AND NINE MINISTERS OF STATE WERE SWORN IN HERE BY PRESIDENT FAZAL ELAHI CHAUDHRY AND SOON AFTERWARDS HELD THEIR FIRST MEETING UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. BHUTTO.

THE PRIME MINISTER RETAINED THE PORTFOLIOS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE. AZIZ AHMED, KEEPS THE IMPORTANT POST OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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MR. BHUTTO ANNOUNCED HIS NEW CABINET ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE HE LEAVES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION AND LITTLE MORE THAN A WEEK BEFORE THE VISIT HERE BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

HIS OUTGOING CABINET OF 12 FULL MINISTERS AND THREE MINISTERS OF STATE HAD FUNCTIONED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR WITH FOUR VACANT PORTFOLIOS, AND SEVERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF AN IMPENDING CABINET RESHUFFLE HAD PASSED WITHOUT ANY CHANGES BEING MADE.

DR. HASAN, ONE OF THE LEADING SOCIALISTS IN THE PARTY, WHO NATIONALIZED A WIDE RANGE OF PAKISTANS MAJOR INDUSTRIES, AS WELL AS BANKS, INSURANCE AND SHIPPING COMPANIES DURING HIS TERM AS FINANCE MINISTER, HAD BEEN REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT MEN IN THE CABINET.

HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WORLD BANK, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, PAKISTANS MAJOR AID-GIVING COUNTRIES AND HIS APPEARANCES AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD MADE HIM ONE OF THE BEST-KNOWN FIGURES ABROAD. HIS LAST NATIONAL BUDGET, IN MAY, HAD BEEN WIDELY ACCLAIMED.

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THE FOUNDING MEETING OF MR. BHUTTOS PAKISTAN PEOPLES PARTY WAS HELD AT DR. HASANS HOUSE IN LAHORE IN DECEMBER, 1967, AND HE HELD MANY IMPORTANT POSTS WITHIN THE PARTY.

NO COMMENT WAS ISSUED WITH THE NEW CABINET LIST.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE RESHUFFLE WAS THE LOSS OF THE IMPORANT PORTFOLIOS OF LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS BY ABDUL HAFIZ PIRZADA, OFTEN REGARDED AS MR. BHUTTOS NEIR APPARENT.

HE RETAINED EDUCATION AND PROVINCIAL COORDINATION AND TOOK ON THE NEW PORTFOLIO OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE FOUR NEW FACES IN THE CABINET ARE MALIK MERAJ KHALID, LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS; MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO, A COUSIN OF THE PRIME MINISTER WHO BECOMES COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER; YUSUF KHATTAK, FUEL, POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND NEER AFZAL, COMMERCE.

THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE OLD CABINET FROM THE FORMER PROVINCE OF EAST PAKISTAN, NOW BANGLADESH, RAJA TRIDIV ROY, THE TOURISM MINISTER, WAS ALSO DROPPED.

MAULANA KAUSAR NIAZI LOST THE INFORMATION MINISTRY PORTFOLIO AND WITH NO NEW MINISTER NAMED, THIS DEPARTMENT NOW SEEMS LIKELY TO FALL UNDER THE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY.

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CABINET-LIST

KARACHI, OCT. 22, REUTER -- THE NEW CABINET OF PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO, NAMED TODAY, FOLLOWS:

KHAN ABUL QAYYUM KHAN -- INTERIOR STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS;

SHAIKH MOHAMMAD RASHID -- FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, COOPERATIVES, WORKS, UNDERDEVELOPED AREAS AND LAND REFORMS; KHURSHID HASAN NEER -- LABOR, HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE AND POPULATION PLANNING.

ABDUL HAFIZ PIRZADA -- EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND PROVINCIAL COORDINATION;

MALIK MERAJ KHALID -- LAW AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS;

MUMTAZ ALI BHUTTO -- COMMUNICATIONS;

RAFI KAZA -- PRODUCTION, INDUSTRIES AND TOWN PLANNING;

MAULANA KAUSAR NIAZI -- RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS;

RAMA MOHAMMAD HANIF -- FINANCE, PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS;

YUSEF KHATTAK -- FUEL, POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES;

NEER AFZAL -- COMMERCE;

THE PORTFOLIOS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAVE BEEN RETAINED BY THE PRIME MINISTER HIMSELF.

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MINISTERS OF STATE ARE:

AZIZ AHMAD -- DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS;

QAIM ALI SHAH -- INDUSTRIES;

MAJOR GENERAL JAWALDAR KHAN (RET.) -- ESTABLISHMENT;

MALIK AKHTAR -- PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS;

ABDUL SATTAR GABOL -- LABOR;

CHAUDHRY JEHANGIR ALI -- WORKS;

MALIK JAFFER -- MINORITY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM;

TAJ MOHAMMAD KHAN JAMALI -- NATURAL RESOURCES;

HAFAZULLAH CHEEMA -- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

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