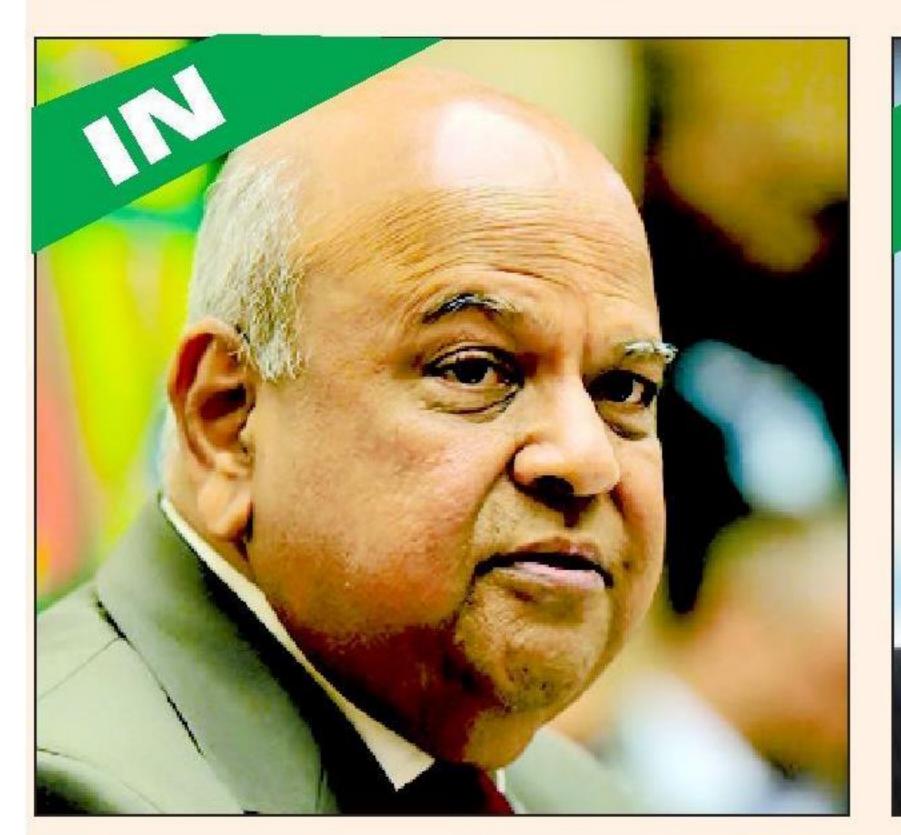




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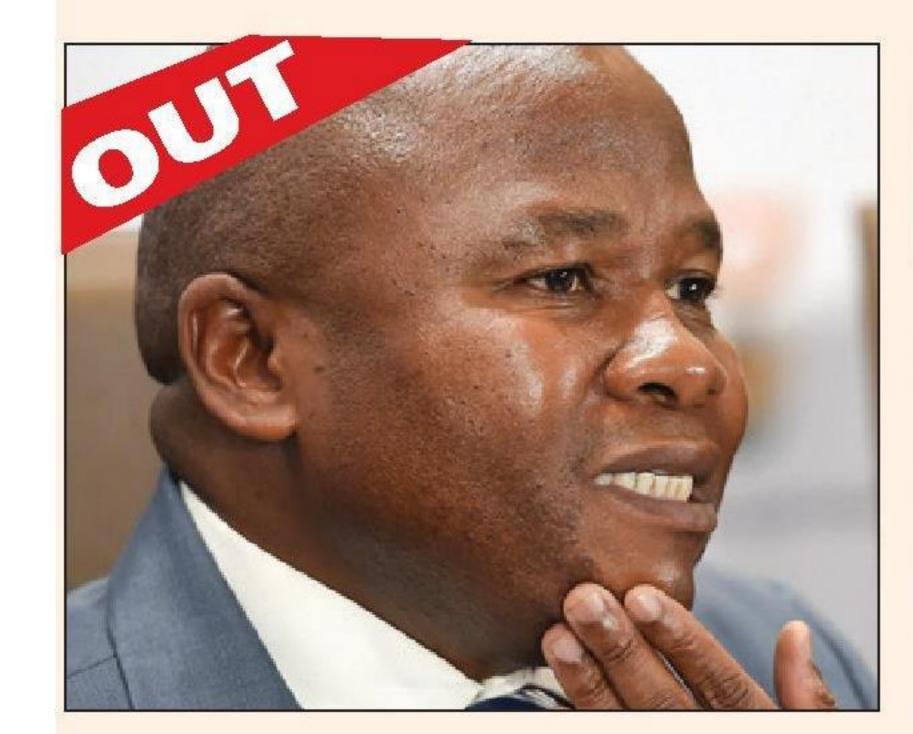
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Cyril axes the Zuptas

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BARELY two weeks into his presidency Cyril Ramaphosa made a break from the past, firing several ministers associated with the Guptas and state capture from his cabinet, while demoting some of his predecessor's favourites.

Speculation around his future was confirmed last night when ANC deputy president David Mabuza was appointed the country's deputy president.

indicated, Ramaphosa despite some expectation, that he would not be shrinking the size of his cabinet before a of his predecessor, Lynne review had been completed.

ing ministries and depart- empire. Chetty and Bongani Hans ments until that review is completed.

"Once it is completed we will then be able to make the necessary announcements," said Ramaphosa.

After being unceremoniously booted from former president Jacob Zuma's cabinet in a midnight reshuffle last March, former finance minister Pravin Gordhan makes a triumphant return to take charge of the Ministry of Public Enterprises.

Gordhan, a member of Parliament's ad hoc committee probing state capture at public enterprises, has been critical Brown, one of several former ministers linked to the Gupta

It's the second time around for Nhlanhla Nene, who is once again finance minister.

Malusi Gigaba was shifted from the finance portfolio back to Home Affairs, where he controversially used his ministerial discretion to grant citizenship to the Gupta family in

The controversial Bathabile Dlamini, who has caused chaos during her tenure as Social Development minister, retains her cabinet position as minister in the Presidency for women and children.

ANC national chairperson Gwede Mantashe is now minister of Mineral Resources, where he will draw on his role as a former general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers.

ics and a strong supporter of Ramaphosa, Bheki Cele, has been rewarded with the position of minister of Police.

He previously held the national police commissioner position, but was booted from his job after the public protector found he had acted unlawfully in signing a R500 million lease agreement for the police headquarters in Pretoria.

Another fierce critic of Zuma, Derek Hanekom, also makes a triumphant return to his previous portfolio as Tourism minister after being booted out last March.

But one of Zuma's staunchsupporters,

Mokonyane, has been moved from the Water and Sanitation Education and Training. One of Zuma's fiercest crit-portfolio to Communications, where she will be set the task of political oversight of the SABC and ensuring the long-delayed migration from analogue to digital television.

Former minister in the Presidency tasked with performance and evaluation Jeff Radebe is the new minister of

Former deputy minister of International Affairs and Cooperation Nomaindia Mfeketo takes over the Human Settlements portfolio from Lindiwe Sisulu, who is now minister of International Relations and Cooperation.

Former minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor

is now the minister of Higher

Ayanda Dlodlo, who served a short term as Communications minister, is now minister of Public Service and Administration.

Former Sport minister Thulas Nxesi is now minister of Public Works, while Maite Nkoana-Mashabane takes over the portfolio of Rural Revelopment and Land Reform.

One of Zuma's staunchest defenders during Parliament's probe of the Nkandla debacle, Nkensani Kubayi-Ngubane, is now minister of Science and Technology.

Former minister in the Presidency for women and children, Susan Shabangu, is now minister of Social Develop-

and Recreation.

Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba takes over from Bongani Bongo as minister of State Security, while Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma takes over as minister in the Presidency responsible for monitoring and evaluation.

Yesterday, before Ramaphosa could make the announcement, it was postponed twice, with acting Presidency spokesperson Tyrone Seale confirming to journalists who had gathered at the Union Buildings that the delays were due to "consultations".

Earlier in the evening, outspoken former Police minister Fikile Mbalula let the cat out of the bag on his Twitter account,

ment, while Thokozile Xasa telling his followers that takes over as minister of Sport his bags were "packed" and changing his bio to the "former minister of police", later changing it back to "minister of police" as South Africans awaited the announcement.

> The ANC welcomed the new cabinet, indicating that Ramaphosa had consulted ANC leaders and the party's Tripartite Alliance partners.

"Undoubtedly, this act of giving due regard to the resolutions of the ANC, in the exercise of the prerogative bestowed upon the president, lays a strong foundation for greater alignment and co-operation between the ANC and its cadres deployed in government," said party spokesperson Pule Mabe.

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