



HAILED: Gordhan return



SHIFTED: Malusi Gigaba

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Opposition parties slam Ramaphosa's changes

PRESIDENT Cyril Ramaphosa's new cabinet, which was sworn in at Parliament yesterday, has come under heavy fire from opposition parties, particularly new deputy president David Mabuza.

DA leader Mmusi Maimane said: "We saw the fatal compromise Cyril Ramaphosa made at Nasrec exposed for all to see, as David Mabuza will be sworn in as the deputy president of South Africa.

"Ramaphosa's decision to side with scandal-ridden Mabuza undermines the integrity of his stated commitment to fight corruption and rebuild from the tatters of the Zuma decade. There is no doubt that David Mabuza is unfit to be the deputy president of South Africa. During his two decades in office, he has been at the centre of a string of controversies – ranging from blatant corruption to violent thuggery.

"His appointment as deputy president is a danger to our country, and flies in the face of Ramaphosa's commitment to 'turn the tide of corruption in our public institutions'.

"The cabinet remains filled with compromised ministers, Gupta loyalists and corruption accused... The decision to retain the bloated, oversized cabinet means Ramaphosa has failed to seize this first opportunity to cut the size of cabinet. We should not have to wait for a review study to cut the waste.

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Maimane, however, welcomed the axing of ministers Faith Muthambi, Mosebenzi Zwane, Des van Rooyen, David Mahlobo, Lynne Brown and Bongani Bongo.

"The appointment of Pravin Gordhan as Minister of Public Enterprises is a sound one, and we do hope he will lead the charge in rooting out the rot within our State-Owned Entities (SOEs). Nhlanhla Nene's return as finance minister must be welcomed. Nene's first action as finance minister must be to reverse the increase in VAT and transport levies, and introduce a range of spending cuts to plug the deficit in our public finances."

The EFF said it rejected the cabinet reshuffle and said that Ramaphosa "bowed to factional pressure in the ANC, proving that he is presiding over a kleptocratic collective that cannot be saved".



TOOK STICK: Cyril Ramaphosa

By VOICE REPORTER

"We view it as a mere realignment of corrupt and state capture delinquent ministers. No one, with the best interests of South Africa today, could have Malusi Gigaba, Nomvula Mokonyane [and] Bathabile Dlamini as cabinet members and ministers. Bathabile Dlamini has essentially been rewarded with a promotion into the presidency regardless of the fact that she nearly collapsed the social grants system for the poor," spokesperson Mbuyiseni Ndlozi said.

"Above all is Gigaba, whose state capture crimes come close to treason as he facilitated the handing over of state institutions to foreign nationals in the form of the Guptas. To keep such characters in the cabinet is a direct rejection of the constitutional order; Gigaba lied under oath, in a court of law."

He said Ramaphosa's "inability to dispense with individuals

implicated in corruption is evidence that no one can save the ANC from corruption. It is entangled for good.

"Nevertheless, we welcome changes in finance; the appointment of Nhlanhla Nene is a reaffirmation of confidence in black and African leadership."

Surprise

Late on Monday night, Ramaphosa announced a raft of changes, including the axing of ministers like Lynne Brown from the public enterprises portfolio, mining minister Mosebenzi Zwane and Fikile Mbalula as Minister of Police.

He further announced the surprise retention of Gigaba and Dlamini who had widely been expected to get axed.

Gigaba was moved from the finance portfolio to his previous posting at home affairs, while Dlamini was shifted from social development to the Ministry in the Presidency responsible for women.

CABINET	
Deputy President:	David Mabuza
Police Minister:	Bheki Cele
Communications Minister:	Nomvula Mokonyane
Energy Minister:	Jeff Radebe
Higher Education and Training:	Naledi Pandor
Human Settlements:	Nomandla Mfeketo
International Relations and Cooperation:	Lindiwe Sisulu
Mineral Resources:	Gwede Mantashe
Public Enterprises:	Pravin Gordhan
Public Service and Administration:	Ayanda Dlodlo
Public Works:	Thulas Nxesi
Rural Development and Land Reform:	Maite Nkoana-Mashabane
Science and Technology:	Nkhensani Kubayi-Ngubane
Social Development:	Susan Shabangu
Sport and Recreation:	Tokozile Xasa
State Security:	Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba
The Presidency: Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation:	Dr Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma
The Presidency: Women:	Bathabile Dlamini
Tourism:	Derek Hanekom
Transport:	Dr Blade Nzimande
Water and Sanitation:	Gugile Nkwinti
NEW DEPUTY MINISTERS:	
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:	Sfiso Buthelezi
Communications:	Pinky Kekana
Finance:	Mondli Gungubele
Public Service and Administration:	Dr Chana Pilane-Majeke
Small Business Development:	Cassel Mathale