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Khairy and Adham to swap ministries under new cabinet

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Rembau MP Khairy Jamaluddin is set to take over the Health Ministry, the entity that has largely led the charge against the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic.

He replaces Dr Adham Baba, who during his tenure was known for a series of gaffes.

His gaffes prompted the government to instead let Health Ministry director-general Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah become the public face in communicating about the Covid-19 pandemic.

Adham, who is the Tenggara MP, only started to take on a more public role towards the tail end of his tenure as health minister.

Adham will now take over Khairy's old portfolio - The Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

The previous government under Muhyiddin Yassin attempting to co-opt Khairy in the battle against the Covid-19 pandemic had sometimes led to confusion.

This was because many aspects fell under the purview of the Health Ministry but were instead passed to the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry.

The Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), for example, [questioned](#) why the Covid-19 vaccination effort was placed under the Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry when it should have been under the Health Ministry.

It said this led to decisions that were not based on health considerations.

Khairy was assigned as the vaccination tsar as a separate portfolio in Muhyiddin's cabinet.

With his move to the Health Ministry, better coordination is expected for the vaccination efforts.

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The graphic features a dark blue background with a city skyline and fireworks. On the right, there is a statue of the Rempis (Liberation) of Malaya, showing soldiers in 1950s-era uniforms. One soldier stands on top of a pile of fallen figures, holding a flag. Another soldier stands next to him, holding a rifle. A third soldier is crouching in the foreground. The Malaysian flag is visible in the bottom left corner.