



Kenya has new faces in the cabinet following a mini reshuffle by President Kibaki.

This comes after the president continually received pressure from the Prime Minister to drop rebel MPs from his Orange Democratic Movement (ODM) who moved to the new United Democratic Movement (UDM).

Among those dropped are former Higher Education Minister and Eldoret North MP William Ruto, replaced by Prof. Margaret Kamar who is also the Eldoret East MP.

Prof. Hellen Sambili former East Africa Community Minister also faced the axe, being replaced by nominated MP Musa Sirma, who is also a close ally of the PM.

Aden Nduale, former Livestock Development Assistant Minister also got dropped from cabinet and has been replaced by Voi MP, Dan Mwazo. The Ministry of Special Programmes has a new assistant minister, Wajir North MP Mohammed Gabbow (Pictured) and the Trade Ministry also received South Mugirango MP Manson Nyamweya as its new assistant minister, replacing Kilome MP Harun Mwau, who stepped aside after allegations of drug trafficking.

The President's Party of National Unity (PNU) side of the coalition benefited by reinstating Foreign Affairs Minister Moses Wetangula and his permanent secretary Mwangi Thuita who had stepped aside following investigations into the loss of funds at the Kenya embassy in Tokyo, and five other foreign missions.

This move by the two principals was decided as the new Attorney General Githu Muigai was named and came after two ODM party members went to court in a bid to kick out the rebel MPs.