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- Kazakhstan appointed Karim Masimov its new prime minister on Wednesday, Jan 10. K.Masimov, a 41-year-old economist who until now has been a deputy prime minister, was nominated for the new job by President Nursultan Nazarbayev and confirmed unanimously by parliament. 'I am sure Karim Masimov has sufficient knowledge and experience and that the new government will present a programme which will allow us to entrench and develop Kazakhstan's successes. He has a clear understanding of the plan of action to do this,' President Nazarbayev told parliament. 'Continuity in the principles of government is one of the most important conditions of sustained economic and social development,' Masimov said in parliament. K.Masimov speaks English, Chinese, Arabic, Russian and Kazakh. His studies included a spell at Columbia Business School in the United States and he has been chairman of two Kazakh banks.

- Composition of the new Kazakh cabinet of ministers:

Mr. Aslan Mussin - deputy prime minister - minister of economy and budget planning;

Mr. Danial Akhmetov - minister of defence (ex-prime minister)

Mr. Marat Tazhin - minister of foreign affairs (former Aide to President and Secretary of the Security Council)

Mr. Viktor Khrapunov - minister of emergency situations (former Governor of the East Kazakhstan region)

Mr. Baurzhan Mukhamedzhanov – minister of home affairs (reappointed);

Mr. Akhmetzhan Essimov - minister of agriculture (reappointed);

Mrs. Zagipa Balieva - minister of justice (reappointed);

Mr. Anatoly Dernovoy - minister for public health care (reappointed);

Mrs. Gulzhana Karagusova - minister of labour and social protection (reappointed);

Mr. Serik Akhmetov - minister of transport and communication (reappointed);

Mrs. Natalia Korzhova – minister of finance (reappointed);

Mr. Nurlan Iskakov - minister of environment protection (reappointed);

Mr. Ermukhamet Ertysbayev - minister of culture and information (reappointed);

Mr. Temirkhan Dosmukhanbetov - minister for tourism and sport (reappointed);

Mr. Baktykozha Izmukhambetov - energy and mineral resources minister (reappointed);

Mr. Galym Orazbakov - minister of industry and trade (former head of Kazakhstan engineering);

Mr. Zhanseit Tuimebayev - minister of education and science (former ambassador to Russia);

