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Portugal's New Prime Minister Announces Her Cabinet Choices

LISBON (Kyodo-Reuters) — Prime Minister-designate Maria de Lourdes Pintasilgo officially announced Monday night the names of her interim government which will prepare for autumn elections.

She disclosed the names of the 16 ministers after an extreme left-wing party leaked the list to the press.

The ministers are all men and include three soldiers.

The main surprise was the appointment of a former leader of the centrist Social Democrats, economics professor Antonio Sousa Franco, as finance minister.

The Cabinet is a mixture of military men, technocrats and former politicians who now have no party labels.

Maria Santa Clara Gomes, a close associate of Miss Pintasilgo, was named secretary of state at the prime minister's office — the first of an unknown number of junior ministers to be named.

The makeup of Portugal's 11th government since the 1974 revolution was originally to have been announced at a news conference Tuesday.

Later this week, probably Wednesday, President Antonio Ramalho Eanes is to swear in the former ambassador to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris as Portugal's first woman premier.

Three ministers served in the outgoing non-party government of Premier Carlos Mota Pinto which resigned last month. They are Lt. Col. Jose Loureiro dos Santos (defense), Joao Freitas Cruz (foreign affairs), who keep the same posts, and

former Social Affairs Minister Acacio Pereira Magro, who becomes trade and industry minister.

Another soldier, Col. Manuel da Costa Braz, in effect becomes deputy premier as well as taking over responsibility for the interior — the

department responsible for the organization of the polls.

Oil company executive Carlos Correia Gago, who served briefly as foreign minister last year under technocrat former Premier Nobre da Costa, combines the post of economic coordination and planning.

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