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CM meeting Dr M on move to reshuffle exco

MALACCA, Sun. - Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani will seek Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's approval to reshuffle the State executive council.

He said the reshuffle was inevitable to ensure "suitability".

The current line-up would be maintained, but with a change of portfolios.

"Their portfolios should suit their interests. It is easy and more practical to work this way," he told reporters after launching the State Umno newsletter Suara Taming Sari at his residence last night.

Mohd Zin added that he would also meet the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabuddin to get his consent for the reshuffle.

Pressed further on the changes, he said: "Let me discuss this with the PM...I have more or less decided ... but let me get his approval first."

Asked whether the executive councillors were unhappy with their positions, he said: "There is no question of them not doing their work or that they are dissatisfied.

"As it is, the Government machinery is running very smoothly and efficiently. It's only that we need a change to draw their interest and so that they can serve the people better.

"It is also to enhance the Government machinery," he added.

Mohd Zin who is also Malacca Umno liaison chief also said that local political developments would be incorporated into the State's homepage for the benefit of Internet users.

He said the page would also feature Umno history, its leaders past and present, and historic events in the State and country.

"If everything goes smoothly, this can be done by June," he said, adding that State Umno would liaise with the party's headquarters on the matter.

Mohd Zin also said that the State Government would form a company, Syarikat Suara Melaka, to manage its official bulletin Suara Melaka.

"We have decided on this. We want the bulletin to be distributed widely and read not only by those in Malacca but also people in other States.

"The number of pages and format of the bulletin will be changed," he said, adding that it would be made available free of charge.

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