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Special duties for Ministers and Exco men welcomed

IPOH, Fri. - Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib has described Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's directive that Ministers and State ExcOs be given special duties as a step in the right direction to improve the country's economy.

He said all Exco members should, on their own initiative, be doing more than their normal duties to enhance the country's and their States' development.

"Besides their specified tasks, they should also come up with ideas and proposals which can increase the country's wealth."

Ramli said the State Government would await official notification of the directive before formulating plans to reinforce what was already being done.

In Kangar, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said he would continue to fine-tune the role of Exco members with the aim of boosting the economy.

"The emphasis now is to ensure the taking off of projects that have been planned in recent years which include several multi-million ringgit industrial projects," he told reporters at his office today.

Besides discharging their responsibilities, he said the six councillors would be entrusted with ensuring the effective implementation of these projects.

"Their responsibilities are heavy. Unfortunately, Perlis cannot afford to expand its executive council as the State has only 15 assemblymen."

Shahidan added that he might have to incorporate other assemblymen into the executive committees to share the heavy workload.

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