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Perak to appoint integrity panel, NEAC in a month

IPOH, Mon. - The State-level Integrity Committee and the National Economic Action Council will be set up within a month, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said.

He said the two committees would be a priority for the State Government in view of the current economic situation.

"The details are being worked out now," he said after breaking fast with Pasir Salak Umno division and branch leaders at his residence last night.

Ramli was responding to the directive by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that all State Governments must form State-level integrity committees and NEACs.

The integrity committees are aimed at checking corruption among civil servants and will handle weaknesses in the Government's financial management, administration, abuse of power and other irregularities.

It is also in line with the move to consolidate the integrity of the Government's administrative management system at the Federal, State and district levels.

They will be under the supervision of the Special Cabinet Committee on Government Management chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The State-level NEACs will be entrusted to explain and disseminate information on the economic problems to the people.

Dr Mahathir said the councils, to be chaired by the respective Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers, would also be required to monitor development at grassroots-level.

Ramli said the State 1 NEAC would comprise exco members, corporate representatives and other individuals.

He added the NEAC would be responsible for formulating strategies to help improve the economy and also act as an advisory body to Exco members on policy matters implemented by the Government.

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