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Perak to launch its panels next week, says Ramli

IPOH, Fri. - The State-level National Economic Action Council and Integrity Committee will be set up next week with Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib as chairman of both.

The NEAC will comprise State Executive Council members, representatives from non-governmental and corporate organisations and other individuals.

Ramli said he would launch the NEAC and Integrity Committee simultaneously on Monday and would outline their objectives and goals.

He also said NEACs and integrity committees would be set up at district levels for systematic co-ordination among all the committees.

At district level, the committees will be chaired by the district officers and would comprise, among others, selected executive council members and representatives from government agencies and non-governmental organisations.

The Menteri Besar said this today after briefing State Executive Council members, department heads and State assemblymen on current issues.

Ramli said the functions of the NEAC include planning strategies to help improve the economy and advising Exco members on policy matters which have been implemented. Two weeks ago Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad directed all State Governments to form State-level integrity committees and NEACs.

Dr Mahathir said the NEACs, to be chaired by the respective Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers, would, among others, be entrusted to disseminate information on the economic problems.

NEACs would also be required to monitor development at grassroot-level. The national-level NEAC held its first meeting yesterday chaired by Dr Mahathir, who is NEAC chairman.

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