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COMBINATION OF OLD AND NEW IN PERAK EXCO, SAYS TAJOL ROSLI

KUALA KANGSAR, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- The Perak Executive Council (Exco) will consist of old and new members, said Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali.

He said several members of the previous Exco would be retained to ensure continuity.

He, however, declined to reveal the number of old or new faces.

"I have discussed the list with Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and I will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Monday," Tajol Rosli said after he was sworn in as Menteri Besar at the Istana Iskandariah here today.

"When the list is approved, I will seek an audience with Sultan Azlan Shah."

Tajol Rosli said the Perak Exco members are expected to take their oath of office at the Istana Iskandariah on Wednesday.

He said there will be no change in the allocation of portfolios with Umno holding five, MCA two, Gerakan one and MIC one.

On steps to be taken to regain Malay support in the rural areas, he said the Barisan Nasional (BN) elected representatives would be directed to cultivate a closer rapport with the people.

He said development projects being implemented in the state would be continued and new projects promised during the election campaigning would also be implemented.

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