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Ghani-Swearing

JOHOR MB'S SWEARING-IN YET-TO-BE FIXED

JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- The date for the swearing-in of Johor Menteri Besar and state executive councillors has not been fixed.

A spokesman of the Menteri Besar's Office said the palace has not given the green light for the swearing-in ceremony.

" We've not received any instructions whether to hold the ceremony at Istana Besar or at Istana Bukit Serene," he told BERNAMA when contacted.

Attempts to reach Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman for comments proved futile.

Reporters gathered outside the entrance of the Menteri Besar's official residence "Saujana" since 3.30pm.

About an hour later, Ghani's Chief Private Secretary Elias Hasran called a reporter on the handphone to say that the Menteri Besar would not comment today.

Ghani was scheduled to have an audience with the Sultan of Johor today but was postponed.

He met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday on the formation of the state government.

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