

Kedah MB excludes PAS rivals in new exco list
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ALOR STAR, Feb 25 — Embattled Kedah Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak has stolen a march on his rivals by excluding them in his new state executive council line-up.

It is believed he has excluded Datuk Phahrolrazi Mohd Zawawi and Dr Ismail Salleh, two of the exco members who have sought his ouster.

According to The Star Online, Azizan had been given the mandate by the top party leadership to avert a political crisis in the state as he saw fit.

The top party echelon had realised that the two opposing sides were deadlocked over a solution after holding separate meetings, according to a senior party central leader.

While awaiting royal assent for the list submitted to the Sultan of Kedah, Azizan has given an assurance that the swearing in of the executive councillors will go ahead as scheduled on Tuesday, The Star Online report said.

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