

**Only Eight ExcOs Will Be Sworn In On Tuesday - Azizan
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ALOR SETAR, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Only eight Kedah state executive councillors (excOs) will be sworn in for the 2012 term on Tuesday (Feb 28) as compared to 10 slated earlier, said Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak.

He said there would be no new faces in the line-up for Tuesday and that two more excOs would be appointed down the road with the possibility they might not be current excOs.

"I have finalised the list, only there is a slight technical problem in terms of the law because the current excOs will be completing their terms on March 7.

"That is why we cannot swear in 10 excOs on Tuesday as there will be 12 excOs then (because of the March 7 term ending)...if not enough excOs it is okay, the Kedah constitution does not allow for more than 10 (excOs)," he told reporters here today.

Azizan said all excOs to be appointed had the right to decline appointment and that the state government did not have any problems filling the vacancies as many (assemblymen) had offered to take up the posts.

"They can reject their appointments, then I will appoint those who want the posts. The names have been submitted to Tuanku (Sultan of Kedah)," he said.

Prior to this, there had been rumours that two existing excOs would be declining their re-appointment.

The duo were said to be Kedah PAS deputy commissioner I, Datuk Phahrolrazi Zawawi and Kedah PAS deputy commissioner II, Datuk Dr Ismail Salleh.

The former is the exco for Housing, Local Government, Works, Utilities and Energy while the latter for Health, Non-governmental Organisations, Human Capital Development, Science and Innovation and Information and Communications Technology.

It is believed they are frustrated with the attitude and leadership of Azizan, who is also the State PAS Commissioner, on various issues affecting his administration in recent years.

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