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ARAU, AUG 27 (BERNAMA) -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT THE APPLICATION OF THE PERLIS GOVERNMENT FOR THE PROPOSED RELAHATLON PROJECT COVERING 3,400HA OF LAND STRETCHING FROM KUALA PERLIS TO KUALA SANGLANG, PRIHE HINISTER DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR HOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE ARAU UHNO DIVISION DELEGATES CONFERENCE HERE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER AND SUPPORT THE APPLICATION.

THE PRIHE HINISTER SAID THAT THE PROPOSED STATE GOVERNMENT PROJECT WAS A COMHENDABLE ONE IN LINE WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE SUCH PROJECTS.

ON A PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ZONING PROGRAMME, HE SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO THE INITIATIVE OF THE RESPECTIVE STATES TO IMPLEMENT SUCH PROGRAMHES.

HE SAID THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER APPROVING THE SETTING UP OF A DUTY-FREE ZONE ON THE RECLAIMED LAND AT KUALA PERLIS IF THERE WAS SUCH AN APPLICATION. -- MORE
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THE PERLIS ECONOMIC DEVELOPHENT CORPORATION (PEDC) YESTERDAY SIGNED A HEHORANDUH OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THREE FIRMS FOR THE PROPOSED RECLAHATION OF LAND AT A COST OF \$180 MILLION TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN FIVE YEARS.

THE PROPOSED RECLAIED LAND WILL HAVE 2,040HA FOR AGRICULTURE USE, 850HA FOR THE SETTING UP OF TRADING AND INDUSTRIAL PREMISES, 170HA FOR RESIDENTIAL AREA AND 340HA ALLOCATED AS RESERVED LAND.

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR HAHATHIR WAS HET ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM BALIK PULAU, PULAU PINANG, ON A SPECIAL HELICOPTER AT THE STADIUM DATUK SHEIKH AHMAD BY MENTERI BESAR DR ABDUL HAMID PAWANTEH AND HEHBERS OF THE UHNO STATE LIAISON COMMITTEE.

HE WAS THEN ACCOHPANIED BY DR ABDUL HAMID AND THE ARAU UHNO DIVISION COHMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE FUNCTION.

MEANWHILE, DR ABDUL HAMID ANNOUNCED THAT HE, --STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER HAJI FADZIL MAHMOOD AND ARAU MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ENCIK SHAHIDAN KASSIM HAD EACH BEEN RETURNED UNCONTESTED FOR THE POSTS OF HEAD, DEPUTY HEAD AND VICE HEAD OF THE ARAU UMNO DIVISION. -- BERNAMA
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