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GOVERNMENT WANTS DEVELOPMENT OF LANGKAWI TO PROGRESS ON SCHEDULE

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LANGKAWI, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- The government wants the development of Langkawi to progress according to schedule, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

~~To ensure this~~, approval to carry out a project would be withdrawn if the developer failed to implement it within six months, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir told reporters at the airport here before returning to Kuala Lumpur that he was given a briefing on the progress of development projects in Langkawi by the private sector and government agencies yesterday.

Among the projects were the redevelopment of Kuah town, relocation of Langkawi hospital, construction of shophouses and hotel using pre-cast system and construction of a modern sports complex.

He said there was a need for the present hospital, which was built in the town area before the Second World War, to be moved to a more suitable location.

General Manager of Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) Haji Abdul Halil Mutalib said more than 30 of the 52 projects approved so far had yet to be implemented.

He said developers who failed to implement their projects within six months would have to submit new application to LADA if they wanted to continue with the projects.--Bernama

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