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GOVERNMENT GEARS UP TO IDENTIFY VERY POOR FAMILIES

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Federal government was intensifying efforts to determine the income of very poor families since the Development Programme for the Very Poor was implemented three years ago.

The exercise would be completed by the end of the year and if it was found that there were families earning more than the poverty level they would be struck off, he added.

+In the mean time, those who are identified as very poor or are not in the register, would be included in the Very Poor Register for 1992,+ he said when replying to a question from Senator Haji Saidin Mohamad in the Dewan Negara here.

He added although re-organisation of the register for the whole country was yet to be completed, assessment of the socio-economic status of very poor families was being carried out in several states.

To a question from Senator Dahalan Embun, he said the government would continue to concentrate on the poor in rural and urban areas. -- more

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Replying to a question from Senator Hajah Zaleha Hussin, he said the Federal government did not know the purpose of the +Tabung Serambi Mekah,+ set up by the Kelantan Government.

+We were not inform about the fund and if the money collected was to eradicate poverty in Kelantan,+ he added.

To a question by Senator Datuk Azumu Tak, he said the government had many programmes to eradicate poverty.

+In principle, we believe that a person is poor because of certain circumstances and if that situation could be overcome, poverty could be checked,+ he added. -- Bernama