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600 VILLAGES TO BE DEVELOPED UNDER DESA WAWASAN PROGRAMME

KOTA TINGGI, June 1 (Bernama) -- About 600 villages will be selected annually under the Rural Development Ministry's Desa Wawasan Movement to guide them to achieve progress, the minister, Datuk Annuar Musa, said today.

He said under the programme the villages, besides being provided with basic facilities like piped water and electricity, would be involved in economic activities including small industries.

A large portion of the RM300 million allocated to the ministry under the Seventh Malaysia Plan would be used to ensure success of the project, he said adding that the Community Development Department (KEMAS), among others, would play a greater role.

"All government machinery including KEMAS would be directed to be more active to ensure success of the programme," he told reporters after launching the Desa Wawasan project at Kampung Jawa, Penggerang near here.

He said if the programme was seriously implemented there was no reason for people in the country especially those in rural areas to be poor or be left out of the mainstream of development.

Annuar also criticised actions of certain groups which abused government assistance including the Development Project for the Hardcore Poor (PPRT) which deprived the target group from receiving the assistance.

Such action would only hamper development in the areas affected and retard progress, he said.

Annuar said the launching of Desa Wawasan at national level would be performed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Perak on July

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