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DEVELOPERS TOLD TO START RECLAMTION WORK ON MELAKA COAST

MELAKA, July 4 (Bernama) -- The Melaka state government will revoke the approval given to companies for coastal reclamation work projects if they fail to commence work during the time stipulated.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani said today only one of the 15 companies approved for the projects had started work.

The project involving the creation of two islands with a total area of about 90 hectares was contracted to Inno Enhance Sdn Bhd, a joint-venture between the Larut group and Talam Corporation, he told reporters after visiting the Pualau Melaka land reclamation work at Bandar Hilir here.

Mohd Zin said the state government would be issuing show cause letters to the other 14 companies and if they failed to provide satisfactory explanations, the projects would be given to other contractors.

"We do not want the pojects to be delayed on purpose so that the companies could reap profits from speculations and selling the projects," he said.

The Chief Minister said the other 14 projects involved an area of 1,200 hectares.

Mohd Zin said the delays meant development planned for the areas and for fishermen would be retarded.

He said the state government had approved the setting up of a fund to help fishermen affected by the projects and so far only Inno Enhance Sdn Bhd had contribued to the fund.

The RM1 million fund would also be used to channel projects and assistance to the community and to fishermen who needed to relocate or their livelihood affected by the coatal development, he said.

Mohd Zin said 30 per cent of the 40-hectare Pulau Melaka project which would have a codominium, a commercial complex, a marina, luxurious bungalows, a theme park and a cultural commplex costing about RM2 billion was ready.

Two bridges, each 350-metres long, would link the island with the main land.

The project launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in April, is expecteed to be completed in 10 years. --BERNAMA

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