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LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO RECTIFY WRONG USAGE OF BAHASA

SHAH ALAM, May 6 (Bernama) -- Local authorities in the state have been directed to rectify errors in the use of Bahasa Malaysia on their sign boards.

A directive to this effect was issued by Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhamad Taib, who said some of the grammatical and spelling errors on sign boards are too glaring.

The local authorities should act immediately to correct such errors in their respective areas to protect the dignity of the the national language, he told a news conference here today.

He said such errors had occurred as some people did not take the national language seriously and this was regrettable.

Muhammad said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has noted the wrong usage of Bahasa Malaysia, and at his meeting with Dr Mahathir this morning, he (Dr Mahathir) agreed that firm action should be taken on those involved, to correct the error.

As of now, all local authorities in Selangor must ensure the proper usage of the national language before approving the sign boards.

The local councils have also been asked to submit a report on the wrong usage of the language on sign boards, for the state executive council meeting next week, he said. -- BERNAMA

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