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MALAYSIA TO PRODUCE JET SKI AND JET-POWERED SPEEDBOATS

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 20 (Bernama) -- The designs of jet ski and jet-powered speedboats to be produced in Malaysia are being finalised, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said that the production of the jet ski and jet-powered speedboats had long been planned and would materialise soon.

The government was looking for a company to produce the jet ski and jet-powered speedboats, he told a news conference after a ground-breaking ceremony at the Taman Permint Perdana housing project site in Seberang Takir here.

Asked on the demand for jet ski and jet-powered speedboats, Dr Mahathir said that there need not have to be a demand to produce them.

"If there is no market, we will create a market...when we have the products, we will venture out to sell them instead of waiting for a market," he said.

He said that previously Perusahaan Otomobil Nasional (Proton) was only able to sell 20,000 cars but now production had reached 180,000 a year while the production of Perodua Kancil was 40,000.

"There was no market then but when we have the products, we went out to sell them, they sold well...", he added.

On the candidate to replace Sirim director-general Datuk Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali who has been appointed chief executive of Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Dr Mahathir said that he had already been identified.

However, he said, an announcement could not be made yet as his appointment had not been confirmed. -- BERNAMA

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