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PAHANG TO ENSURE PROJECT LAY-OUT PLANS PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

KUANTAN, April 10 (Bernama) --The Pahang government will scrutinise all development project lay-out plans, especially those for housing, to ensure that they provide sufficient green belts and land reserves for planting of trees.

Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said here today that the move was in line with the Housing and Local Government Ministry guidelines.

Khalil said this when asked to comment on a recent statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed that all development projects must have sufficient green belts, as part of the environment.

Mahathir in his statement following the recent floods said that developers should also reserve land for water catchment areas to prevent flash floods.

Khalil said the State Land Committee meeting, he chaired earlier, had also emphasised the need for project lay-out plans to clearly specify the green environment to be preserved.

Apart from this, he said, the government had decided to preserve Mentakab as a green town with no new building construction to be carried out in the town proper.

In Kuantan, the existing eight to 12 hectares of the green belt area, stretching from Setali to Semambu, would be preserved, he added.

Investors setting up factories in the industrial areas must also develop the green atmosphere in their factory premises, and plant trees outside the factory areas, he said. -- Bernama

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