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SIMULTANEOUS APPROVAL FOR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT

JOHOR BAHRU, April 13 (Bernama) -- The Johor government plans to introduce simultaneous approval for real estate development on decisions involving various government agencies and departments.

Menteri Besar Haji Abdul Ghani Othman said today under the concept the relevant government agencies and departments would voice their views on applications for real estate development before a final decision was taken.

This was needed since the land approval process involved various agencies and departments and this could hamper development, he told reporters after attending an information session on Shiite teachings here.

Abdul Ghani was commenting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that some state governments took a long time to approve land for industrial purposes.

"The decision taken will be more open since it identifies problems and factors which delay land approval," Abdul Ghani said.

Meanwhile, Abdul Ghani urged the local people to be wary of the spread of Shiite teachings since the belief had many elements which could be manipulated for self-interest.

"We are worried that if the Shiite influence is allowed to spread, it will cause disunity among Muslims in the state," he said.

In SEREMBAN, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said the State Land and Mines Office would be asked to speed up processing of land applications for industrial use.

Currently, applications from investors were processed by the industrial one-stop centre and district land office before they were forwarded to the state Exco for approval, he told reporters.

In ALOR SETAR, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff said land applications from investors could be processed and approved speedily if they were in order.

The state government had not received any complaints from investors about delays in processing their applications, he told reporters. --

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