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STUDY ON PROBLEMS CAUSED BY SQUATTERS IN KLANG VALLEY

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- A multi-agency committee has been set up to study problems caused by squatters in the Klang Valley.

Housing and Local Government Deputy Minister Peter Chin Fah Kui said today the committee, formed last month, would also determine the number of locals and foreigners who lived in the squatter colonies.

Chin said the number of squatters in the Klang Valley had risen rapidly in recent years due to migration from rural areas and influx of foreign workers.

Speaking to reporters after opening the World Town Planning Day Seminar here, he said the committee would comprise officials of his ministry, the Drainage and Irrigation Department, Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the Selangor government.

Chin represented Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh in opening the two-day event organised by the ministry's Town and Country Planning Department.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had expressed his concern over problems occurring in squatter settlements like fire, floods, pollution of rivers, besides health and social problems.

The committee, which will hold its first meeting next month, will also study the effectiveness of measures taken by the respective authorities in tackling the squatter problem, Chin said.

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