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ALL STATE GOVERNMENTS MUST SUBMIT TREE PLANTING REPORT

KANGAR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- All state governments must submit their achievement reports on the tree planting campaign in their states by September, Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today.

Their first reports would be used to gauge the success of the nation-wide campaign which Prime Minister Datuk Ser Dr Mahathir Mohamad launched in March.

"We need the report once in six months, and the present campaign will be in effect for six months in September," he told reporters here before launching a tree-planting campaign in Kampung Baru Pauh, near here.

According to him the report, among others, should include the number of trees planted, the problems encountered and their solutions.

The government has set the target to grow three million trees by 2000 and the figure could be realised if 15 per cent of the population grow at least one tree each.

Ting also hoped that the private sector as well as the non-governmental organisations joined in to make the campaign a success, either by sponsoring or their direct involvement in the planting programme.

On the sabotage, especially by those cutting down or slashing the trees planted during the campaign, Ting said he hoped the matter would be reported to the police.

In its unrelentless efforts to green Malaysia, the government had encouraged the people to plant more trees and any act of sabotage should be stopped, he added. -- BERNAMA

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