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ANNUAR TO MEET RURAL FOLK OVER THE ECONOMY

BATU PAHAT, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- The Rural Development Ministry will hold a meeting with rural community leaders to explain the true position of the national economy.

Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said today the meeting would also refute the allegations and the stories being circulated by irresponsible elements out to discredit Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, over the ringgit depreciation.

The people must remain steadfast under one leadership, and should not panic easily, he said at the presentation of prizes to winners of the Clean and Beautiful Village competition at Kampung Parit Tengah Rengit, near here.

Annuar said the meeting would involve all penghulu, village heads, Kemas supervisors, and the Village Development and Security Committee chairmen.

He said Dr Mahathir's strong and bold opposition against rogue speculators had been manipulated by his enemies who wanted to see the country in chaos.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, who presented the prizes, said in his speech that despite the present economic crisis, the state would not ignore the infrastructural development for the rural people. --

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