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Ting-Floods

CONDUCT MORE SPOT CHECKS, LOCAL AUTHORITIES TOLD

IPOH, March 20 (Bernama) -- The local authorities have been directed to conduct more surprise inspections at construction sites to ensure that developers adhere to regulations like providing water catchment pools to prevent flash floods.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today although most developers stick to the rules, some were found to have ignored them.

"From the information received, flash floods still occur at several construction sites and the local authorities have been directed to stop the projects," he told reporters here.

Earlier, Ting launched the newspaper reading campaign for five Chinese primary schools in the Gopeng parliamentary constituency at SRJK (C) Gunung Rapat here.

He said it was not difficult for the local authorities to make spot checks at construction sites under their jurisdiction, especially those located near the rivers.

Dr Ting criticised local authorities which gave the excuse of manpower shortage for not conducting the inspections.

On Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that local authorities should not block development, Dr Ting said this did not mean that they could approve all projects without scrutiny.

"What they can do is to shorten the processing of applications and not impose certain conditions," he said. -- BERNAMA

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