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KEMAS TOLD TO ORGANISE THAI COMMUNITY IN KELANTAN

KOTA BAHARU, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The Rural Development Ministry has directed the Kelantan Community Development Department to organise the Thai community in the state so it can function more effectively in the nation's development.

Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said today there were about 10,000 people of Thai origin in Kelantan who needed guidance in development.

"Although they are in the minority, their role is important in community development especially if they are from the villages," he said when opening the general meeting of the Kelantan Association of Thai Community, here.

Annuar said those living in traditional villages should be reorganised in all fields so that they would not be left out of the mainstream of development.

Early measures must be taken to appoint community leaders from among the Thais to impart to the people government policies and the role expected of them to develop their families and community, he said.

The meeting passed a resolution supporting the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in dealing with the pressure on him by a group of American congressmen as well as the ringgit depreciation and the problems faced by the local bourse.

Association chairman Eh Chot Cha Chan, who read out the resolution, hoped that Dr Mahathir would continue to lead the country without bowing to any external pressure.

Annuar promised to convey the resolution to Dr Mahathir at the next cabinet meeting. -- BERNAMA

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