

said JPJ officers should not be disheartened by public criticisms but should instead treat them as a challenge to enhance their performance. -- BERNAMA

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A SPECIAL HOSTEL FOR INDISCIPLINE STUDENTS

KANGAR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- The Perlis government will set up a special hostel to place students who face disciplinary problems including those expelled from schools for mischief for rehabilitation, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

Shahidan said that a philanthropist had agreed to contribute RM1 million towards the hostel construction expected to begin next month in Jejawi here.

He said the objective for the setting up of the hostel was to rehabilitate incorrigible students whose schools had problems to cope with, so that they would not be social outcasts.

"It is unfortunate that students are thrown out of school due to indiscipline. Instead, they need to be corrected in a special place and not be isolated," he told reporters after opening a state-level mosque "ehya" (religious activities) programme here.

He said the hostel would be able to accommodate about 200 students and would accept student delinquents from outside Perlis and would be run similar to that of the Henry Gurney School in Melaka.

"Ehya" programmes would be organised to turn the mosque into a motivating centre of Islamic understanding and to make people resilient in facing the various challenges in life.

Such programmes, he said would involve the whole community including school pupils. -- BERNAMA

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Mahathir-Everest (With pix)

PM FLAGS OFF MALAYSIA-EVEREST '97 PROJECT CLIMBERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today "flagged-off" the natio