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LOCAL AUTHORITIES STILL WEAK IN ENFORCEMENT

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Local authorities are still weak in all aspects of enforcement, Housing and Local Government Deputy Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid said today.

He said they should buck up to ensure the people obeyed the law.

"We can increase the fines but if there is no effective enforcement, the by-laws will be rendered useless," he told reporters after presenting federal government grants to local authorities in the state, here.

He said local authorities should conduct spot checks at least once a week or a month to ensure effective enforcement.

They should reduce their meetings and focus their attention on maintaining cleanliness and hygiene which were a hot issue now following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent comments on the people's indifferent attitude towards maintaining cleanliness.

Azmi also said the ministry proposed to standardise the construction of public toilets and privatise them to ensure its upkeep.

A report on the construction and privatisation of public toilets was being finalised before tabling to the Cabinet, he added. -- BERNAMA

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