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Perlis to acquire 252 hectares for its industrial park

KANGAR, Thurs. - The government will pay RM5 million for 252 hectares of private land for the proposed Sungai Cucuh Industrial Park near Padang Besar following a meeting with 166 owners today.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said the acquisition process would be handled by the State Land and Mines Department and Perlis State Economic Development Corporation.

"It is expected to be completed by the end of the year," he told reporters after the two-hour meeting here.

Shahidan said the payments would be made from the RM15 million allocated by the Federal government for building up an industrial land bank at the site.

The remaining allocation would be utilised to purchase additional land for the project's second phase, he added.

"Its implementation has been deferred by the proposed amendment to the Land Acquisition Act.

"But since the project is for industrial purposes, the state feels that the process of land acquisition must not drag on," he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad witnessed the signing of 21 Memoranda of Understanding at the project site during his working visit to Perlis in April last year.

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