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SABAH TO HAVE BY-LAWS GOVERNING DEMOLISHING OF RIVERINE HUTS

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- The Sabah Housing and Local Government Ministry may come up with by-laws to empower local authorities to prevent the building of houses along river banks or low-lying areas and demolish existing ones.

The State Minister concerned Datuk Lajim Ukin said today his ministry had directed all local authorities in the state to submit a report on the actual number of houses in such areas.

"Once we have the full report, we will bring the matter to the attention of the State Cabinet," he told reporters after handing over RM10,000 from the Kumpulan K3P to the state fund for the recent storm victims. The fund now stands at RM2.3 million.

Lajim is the Chairman of the Sabah level Kumpulan K3P.

He also expressed support for the suggestion by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad two days ago that people living along river banks be resettled in the interest of their own safety during floods. --

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