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BIWEEKLY "KLINIK RAKYAT" IN PERLIS

KANGAR, July 18 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim will hold meet-the-people sessions in specific areas on Fridays and Saturdays to identify and resolve their problems.

He would be accompanied by heads of government departments and agencies at these "klinik raykat" sessions, Shahidan said after attending one such clinic in Kubang Gajah, near here, today.

Previously, such sessions were held at the menteri besar's office here but had drawn poor response.

Among the services offered under the programe are free medical check-ups, consultation and loans through the agriculture, livestock and entrepreneurship fund.

Some 500 villagers attended the today's "klinik rakyat" while some 1,000 people attended yesterday's session in Changkat Jawi, near here.

Shahidan also said that the report on the Barisan Nasional's defeat in the Arau parliamentary by-election was ready and would be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad Monday.

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