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Joint committee to review projects

A JOINT committee comprising Federal Government and Kelantan State Government officials has been set up to solve problems pertaining to the state's deferred development projects.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said the committee came about after a meeting with Kelantan Deputy Menteri Besar Abdul Halim Abdul Rahman and a group of Kelantan state executive councillors recently, on deferred development projects.

"The meeting was held because the state faces several problems in carrying out certain projects which requires the Federal Government's cooperation," he told reporters in Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor yesterday. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has given his approval to the setting up of the committee, he added.

Annuar said, land acquisition problems are discussed where titles are not given to the Federal Government although premiums are paid.

The joint committee will be chaired by Annuar and Abdul Halim and it is hoped it will result in more development projects in Kelantan.

"The first meeting will be held this month and terms of reference will be drafted and committee members selected," Annuar said, adding that members will comprise senior officials from state and federal agencies.

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