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Hasmah-Jewellery

TURN JEWELLERY INTO CASH AND SAVE THE MONEY IN BANKS, WOMEN TOLD

KOTA BAHARU, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- First Lady Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali today advised Malaysian women to turn half their jewellery into cash and keep the money in banks and help in the country's economic recovery.

She said during the present economic situation it would be wise on the part of women with much gold and jewellery to encash them and save in banks.

"I see that Kelantan women can help the country in this way as they have a lot of jewellery," she told reporters after visiting the Pasar Siti Khadijah here.

Dr Siti Hasmah was accompanied to Pasar Siti Khadijah by the Rural Development Minister's wife Datin Rosnah Abdul Rahman and Kota Baharu Municipal Council President Nordin Yaakub.

Pasar Siti Khadijah is a popular commercial centre where mostly women do business.

Dr Siti Hasmah bought traditional Kelantan cakes at the centre.

She later went to Kampung Kubang Laka, Peringat about 20KM from here where she launched the One Kampung One Product project and distributed Hari Raya gifts to the needy.

Speaking at the function, she urged women to make contributions to ensure that the One Kampung One Product programme for commercial purposes was successful.

Apart from increassing the housewives' income, their involvement in increasing productivity would help revive the economy, she said.

"The Government will give all encouragment and support to women so that they can participate in the programme in an effort to eradicate poverty particularly in Kelantan which has the most number of very poor people in the country," Dr Siti Hasmah said.

She then gave out RM30 each to 100 orphans and then joined the Prime Minister to break the fast at the residence of the Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa at Sri Puri, Peringat.

Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah will return to Kuala Lumpur at 10 tonight. -- BERNAMA

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