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8,657 tobacco farmers to receive aid today

KOTA BARU, Fri. - A total of 8,657 tobacco farmers in the State who suffered losses due to crop damage early this year will receive financial aid tomorrow.

National Tobacco Board public relations officer Ahmad Nordin Tahir said the RM649,275 allocation was provided under the National Disaster Fund.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had presented a mock cheque at the laying of the foundation stone for Sultan Ismail Petra Airport's expansion project in Pengkalan Chepa during his visit here last month.

"Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa and Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed are expected to hand out the aid.

Others expected to attend the ceremony include Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali and Deputy Primary Industries Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

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