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FEDERAL PROJECTS IN KELANTAN TO BE ON SCHEDULE

KOTA BAHARU, June 7 (Bernama) -- The federal government will ensure that the RM2.5 billion worth of development projects approved for Kelantan under the Seventh Malaysia Plan will be implemented speedily.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali said the government would closely monitor every project to prevent delays in implementation and completion.

"We will also speed up the payment process for contractors, and in this regard the selected contractors should carry out their work according to schedule," he told Bernama here today.

Ibrahim said he would hold weekly meetings with the relevant parties to ensure projects were implemented smoothly. Ibrahim is responsible for the Kelantan Federal Development Department which monitors federal development projects in the state.

He said this when commenting on First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin's statement yesterday directing departments and agencies in Kelantan to work harder to implement projects in the state.

Daim also announced an additional allocation of RM500 million for implementing projects that were deferred because of the economic downturn, involving the expansion of the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport at a cost of RM96 million and construction of the 287km Jalan Simpang Pulai-Lojing-Gua Musang-Kuala Berang linking Perak, Pahang, Kelantan and Terengganu.

Ibrahim said approval for the 960m-long Tendong/Wakaf Che Yeh bridge project costing RM175 million in Pasir Mas was proof of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's concern for the Kelantan people.

This showed that the federal government had never neglected the Kelantan people although the state was ruled by PAS, he said.

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