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GOVT TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED LOGGING ACTIVITIES IN MENTAKAB

KUANTAN, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- The Pahang government will look into an allegation by the locals of logging activities in an area leased for a maize project in Mentakab.

Menteri Besar Datuk Adnan Yaakob said that according to the project's working paper, no timber was supposed to be extracted from the area.

"I have asked the state forestry director to investigate the matter and report findings to the state executive council," he told reporters at his residence, here today.

He said the area covering 1,215 hectares was leased to Majestic Heights to increase maize and food production in the state.

On the 69th birthday of the Sultan of Pahang and the silver jubilee celebrations to mark his reign, he said the highlight would a royal banquet at the Dewan Mulia, Istana Abu Bakar, Pekan, on Oct 23.

Yang Dipertuan Agong, Raja Permaisuri Agong, Brunei Sultan and other Malay rulers would be present.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and cabinet ministers would also attend the reception.

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