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Kelantan-Mahathir

MAHATHIR TO VISIT KELANTAN IN APRIL

KOTA BAHARU, March 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a two-day working visit to rural areas in the state from April 22, said Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa today.

He said the prime minister would officiate the Kemasin canal project in Pasir Puteh, the new Kota Baharu hospital and Bukit Sireh fish breeding project in Kuala Krai.

On the evening of the first day, Dr Mahathir would address the people at Sekolah Menengah Sri Penglina Raja, Pasir Mas, he told reporters here.

He said the prime minister would also meet with Kampung Development and Security (JKKK) chiefs at Kem Desa Pahlawan and government staff at the residence of Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah the next day.

Before returning to Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir would hold a meeting with Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders, he said.

Annuar also said that the government had agreed to provide financial assistance to repair houses instead of just building houses for the hardcore poor.

He said the move was expected to benefit some 5,000 poor families in the state this year.

He said the ministry would ensure that the RM107 million allocated to Kelantan for the programme for the development of the hardcore poor and kampung roads would be fully utilised.

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