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PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT IN BACHOK TO PROCEED IF BN WINS

PASIR PUTEH, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The mega petrochemical project which was proposed for development by Koperasi Usaha Bersatu Berhad (KUB) in Pantai Senok, Bachok, and stalled during the economic crisis, would be continued if the Barisan Nasional (BN) ruled Kelantan after the upcoming general election.

KUB chairman Datuk Hassan Harun said the BN is capable of providing all basic amenities required particularly the site, adequate water supply and better road network.

"This had been assured by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who visited Kelantan several months back," he told reporters after officiating the Sekolah Kebangsaan Pasir Putih Lelaki here, today.

Hassan said the proposed petrochemical project, which could provide job opportunities to tens of thousands of people in Kelantan, was stalled because the state government failed to provide the site and facilities needed and not because of financial problems faced by KUB.

He was made to understand that the state government merely identified the site but did not take follow-up action probably because it could not provide the allocation of between RM200 million and RM300 million needed to compensate the people for the land.

He said that in the initial stage KUB needed 2,500 hectares of land as the site for constructing various buildings for the gas landing process from the Kelantan waters.

Hassan also claimed that the state government did not have leaders in the economic field capable of wooing more investors to the state.

He said this was apparent from the fact that Kelantan only managed to secure one per cent of the RM200 billion worth of investment by the private sector in the country.

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