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200 HARDCORE POOR IN KELANTAN TO BE RESETTLED

KOTA BAHARU, July 23 (Bernama) -- The first batch of 200 hardcore poor in Kelantan will be selected to start a new life in Kampung Gading Galoh, Ketereh, near here, under the group settlement programme.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said today they would stay in houses with water and electricity supply and be given jobs at the Risda nursery, poultry project or stained glass industry in the area.

This group was previously categorised as living from hand to mouth, he told Bernama after opening the annual general meeting of the Sekolah Kebangsaan Kok Lanas parent-teacher-association, 28km from here.

He said, however, that the federal government's efforts to help more poor people in Kelantan were frustrated because of problems in getting the land for the resettlement due to differing political ideologies with the state government.

On the Sultan of Kelantan's call to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday to help the hardcore poor in the state, he said the efforts would be implemented immediately.

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