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Annuar-Settlers

SETTLERS ADVISED TO LODGE REPORTS IF APPROACHED BY SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

KOTA BAHARU, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Settlers in land schemes were today advised to report to police if people claiming to represent companies approach them with lucrative offers to buy or lease their land or to buy their produce.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa said the cabinet meeting yesterday decided to urged the settlers to do so in view of efforts by an opposition party to stir up anger among the settlers towards the government.

One of its methods was to send shell companies to make the offers to the settlers, he said.

When the government stopped the settlers from accepting the offers for reasons like the administrative matters between the settlers and the government had not been concluded, it hoped that the settlers would get angry and withdraw their support for the government in the next election, he added.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the Kelantan Umno management meeting, Annuar, who is also deputy state Umno liaison chairman, said the people should understand that the government only acted to prevent them from being cheated because some of these companies had only RM2 paid up capital.

Annuar also said that the Kelantan Umno had 294,762 members as of end of last year, exceeding its target of 250,000 members.

He said this showed that the people were accepting Umno's programme and had realised that PAS could not deliver the goods.

As such, the state Umno would step efforts to get the people's support to win back Kelantan.

The programme drawn up included a public rally involving Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamed, who is also Kelantan Umno liaison chairman, scheduled for April, he said.

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