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TERENGGANU PAS READY FOR TWO-WAY COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL, SAYS HADI

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- The Terengganu PAS government is ready to forge two-way cooperation with the Federal government for the benefit of the people, said Menteri Besar Abdul Hadi Awang.

He welcomed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that the Federal government is prepared to cooperate with the PAS governments in Terengganu and Kelantan as long as there is reciprocity.

"The PAS government is ready to assist the Federal government in various matters for the good of the country," he told a press conference here today.

"The Federal government also needs to listen to the views of the two PAS state governments in order for a good two-way cooperation to be established."

Abdul Hadi said the Terengganu PAS government would always assist the Federal government to continue with projects of benefit to the people such as the building of roads and schools.

"We could assist by alienating the land ... land is a state matter," he said.

On the State Legislative Assembly sitting tomorrow, he said the PAS government would be open and transparent in which the opposition (Barisan Nasional) would be given ample opportunity to raise questions.

"Insya Allah, no question would be rejected ... when we were the opposition previously, many of our questions were not allowed," Abdul Hadi said.

The State Budget for next year will also be tabled in the four-day sitting of the State Legislative Assembly starting tomorrow.

"Assistance to the poor will be increased," he said.

Asked about the Terengganu PAS government's proposal to seek an increase in oil royalties from the present five percent, Abdul Hadi said the matter was still under study.

On a newspaper report yesterday that Abdul Hadi and PAS executive committee member Mustafa Ali would vacate their parliamentary seats (Marang and Dungun), he said the report was made up.

However, Abdul Hadi said any decision was up to the party leadership.

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