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Informal forum to express views

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MENTAKAB, Wed. - The National Unity and Social Development Ministry will launch a Gerak Rasa programme next month.

It is a forum for people to express their feelings in a friendly and informal environment.

Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said such an environment was to project the close relationship between leaders and the people.

"It will be a platform to help resolve problems between the people and the Government or among the people themselves.

"The people can raise matters or issues which can form the basis for the Government to work out the solutions," she added.

"We have yet to fix the launch date and we intend to request Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to officially launch it," she said.

Siti Zaharah, who is also Wanita Umno head, said the programme was another effort by the Government to show that it was sensitive to the needs of the people and care for them.

She was speaking after attending Malam Sejangkak Budi, in honour of Rukun Tetangga sectors in the district.

"The Unity Department in every State will serve as secretariat and will be responsible in drawing up activities, which will include meetings between the people and leaders."

"All views and issues raised by the people will be recorded and assessed to determine if they can form the basis for the introduction of policies," she said.

Siti Zaharah said that one Saturday in every month was likely to be picked for people to come directly to State National Unity offices to file complaints or raise problems they might have.

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