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REPORT ON CAMERON HIGHLAND LANDSLIDE TO BE SENT TO DAIM TOMORROW

KUANTAN, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- The Pahang government will submit the report on the landslide at Cameron Highlands and ways of tackling the problem to Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin tomorrow.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said today a copy of the report based on studies by various departments involved would also be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The state government had agreed to accept the report which covered suggestions and rehabilitation of the area as a whole and the funds required, he told reporters after chairing the State Exco meeting here.

Adnan said there was a long-term rehabilitation programme while the short-term programme involved an expenditure of RM17.8 million.

He said the report outlined the strategy to be employed and subsequent measures to be taken including reforestation, the drainage system in Cameron Highlands, coordinating the borders between Pahang and Perak and Kelantan as well as the prohibition on construction of highrise buildings in the district.

The report was prepared by a Technical Committee formed on Feb 2 which undertook studies on the incident and submitted measures as directed by the state government following written instruction from Daim who had visited the area.

The committee comprised representatives from the Land and Mines Department, Public Works Department (PWD), Department of Urban and Rural Development, Agriculture Department and Forestry Department.

On Jan 6, a landslide at the KM86 Tapah-Cameron Highlands Road killed two people while another three Bangladeshi workers and a woman farmer were killed in a separate incident in Kampung Raja.

Meanwhile, Adnan also disclosed that State Exco member Datuk Abdullah Kia who was admitted to Tengku Ampuan Afzan Hospital following a stroke yesterday was now in stable condition.

Abdullah, 54, was the State Assembly Speaker for one term before being made State Exco for Education, Multimedia and Housing after winning the Sanggang state constituency in the last general election.

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