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147 Orang Asli families set for new life

A NEW BEGINNING ... Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid (right) congratulating Orang Asli Bukit Lanjan Tok Batin Ismael Chat who would be moving into his new bungalow in Damansara Perdana on Friday.

Ismael, 52, is among the 147 Orang Asli families given the house as part of a resettlement package by the Government and property development company, Saujana Triangle Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Emkay Group.

The families had been staying at nearby longhouses for the last four years pending the completion of their bungalows.

Besides the bungalow, each family would also be allocated a double-storey terrace house in Damansara Damai, Sungai Buloh, while a select group of children aged 15 and above, would be given an apartment each, under the package.

They also received RM45,000 worth of Amanah Saham Bumiputera units and monthly living allowances of RM500 pending the handing over their respective bungalows.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to attend the handing-over-of-keys ceremony to the Orang Asli families on Friday.

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