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JOHOR PLAGUED BY 265 "SICK" SCHOOL COMPUTER CENTRES

JOHOR BAHRU, Sept 26 (Bernama) -- The Johor Education Department is monitoring the implementation of 265 school computer centres which have been categorised as "sick" after the contractor's failure to complete the project within the assigned period.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman, when asked to comment on the issue, said the firm which was appointed by the Federal Government had been given a three-month extension to complete the project.

"The State Education Department is monitoring (the project), to ensure all the school computer centres to be ready within three months," he said after chairing the state executive council meeting here today.

He said the project was less than 20 per cent ready.

Abdul Ghani said the some RM100 million project should have been completed eight months ago.

"Johor should already have 265 school computer centres and now we are lacking 265 of such centres...and Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) through the economic stimulus package has announced plans for 2,000 more computer centres," he said.

He said the contractor should have not only build the centres but provide the computers as well.

"When given the three-month period, we hope the project is no longer sick...but we are monitoring it," he said.

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