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Mindef to build 7,000 units of houses

KUANTAN, Fri. - The Defence Ministry plans to build 7,000 units of houses in 43 locations throughout the country during the Eighth Malaysia Plan to solve the housing problems faced by the Armed Forces personnel.

The implementation of the housing projects would depend on approval from the Government based on its financial situation, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the building of quarters for the Armed Forces involving an allocation of RM1.5 billion in the Klang Valley as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the 2001 Budget had already been approved by the Government.

"In the Klang Valley, we will be building 6,963 units in seven locations namely Kementah Camp (1,846 units), Wardieburn Camp (948), Pacific Camp (834), Jalan Cochrane (560), U-Thant (636) and at the Royal Malaysian Air Force bases in Sungai Besi (1,479) and Subang (660)."

Najib was speaking after officiating at a Royal Malaysian Navy's function at Perkampungan Seberang Balok 2, today.

"The projects will be implemented through the Syarikat Perumahan Negara Bhd and Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera," he said.

Besides the Klang Valley projects, Najib said that 3,473 units were being built in 15 locations throughout the country involving an allocation of about RM571.5 million.

"These projects are expected to be completed within the next few years," he said.

Najib said the Ministry was also identifying quarters which were old with a view to repairing them.

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