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SEVEN SITES FOR RM1.5 BILLION MILITARY HOUSING PROJECTS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 29 (Bernama) -- Seven sites in the Klang Valley area have been earmarked for massive military housing projects costing RM1.5 billion in all and work would start soon in reaction to the government's economic stimulus package.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who announced this today said: "It will be started soonest possible... the plans are almost ready and these projects should be expedited."

Altogether 7,000 units of homes for all ranks of military personnel would be built on these sites, Najib told reporters after seeing off the Cambodia-bound committee members of the Cambodian mercy fund at the air force base in Subang near here today.

Last Tuesday, the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced a RM3-billion stimulus package to cushion the anticipated effects of a United States economic slowdown.

The seven sites are 29.4km at the Mindef Camp (1,846 units), 5.4ha at Camp Pacific in Jalan Ampang (834 units), 18.6 ha in Sungai Besi Camp (1,479 units), 22.3ha Wardieburn Camp (948 units), 32.2ha in RMAF Subang (660 units), 3.23 ha in Jalan Cochrane (560 units) and 4.86 ha in Jalan U Thant (560 units).

SPNB, the national housing company and LTAT, the armed forces fund board would build these homes comprising four-storey flats, bungalows and semi-detached units, among others, Najib said.

Of the RM1.5 billion allocated for the projects, RM400 million would be spent this year.

Meanwhile, the 20-member mercy mission left on an RMAF C130 Hercules bringing along 500 boxes of clothings, foodstuffs, medical supplies, copies of the Quran and textbooks, among others, meant for Cambodian Champa Muslims.

Fund chairman Dr Norraesah Mohamad said her mission would also hand over to the Muslim community there more RM100,000 in public donations collected since May last year.

The team is scheduled to visit Kampung Chenang, Kampung Cham and Kampung Chuchinghwa near Phnom Penh before returning home on Sunday.

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