

TV1 to show clips on the darker side of Kelantan

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PETALING JAYA: Radio Television Malaysia has launched a new series of clips to be aired during its TV1 news bulletin that show a darker side of Kelantan.

The programme, named *Kelantan Dalam Gerhana* (Kelantan in Eclipse) will run for two weeks and will air clips showing the darker side of the state that has been touched as the Corridor of Mecca (*Serambi Mekah*) by PAS.

Information Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said the clips would show the various economic and social problems faced by the people in Kelantan.

The programme kicked off on Monday with clips of dilapidated houses abutting large bungalows and interviews with *kampung* folk who complained about the dearth of employment opportunities.

There are also visuals of beggars on the street and a narration that said that most of the big bungalows seen in Kelantan were owned by those who had found economic

activities outside the state.

"It is our hope that by airing this clips, those people will be able to see the economic and social development within their state or the lack of it, more objectively," he said, dismissing any notions that it was part of propaganda.

Zainuddin said, after 12 years under PAS rule, most people in Kelantan were so inured with poverty and hardship that they accepted it as their fate.

The programme, he said, sought to jolt these people from their apathy besides informing Malaysians in other parts of the country about the fate of the Kelantan people.

Zainuddin also said it was clear from PAS acting president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang's recent statement that the party's belief in democracy was only a means to an end.

"PAS only believes in democracy as a tool for it to come to power but is likely to deny non-Muslims in the country any right in decision-making once it gets to set up the

government," he said.

He was commenting on Hadi's statement in Penang on Monday that non-Muslims would have no policy-making role in an Islamic state.

Hadi was quoted as saying that while non-Muslims could assume executive roles in government, only Muslims should formulate policies.

Zainuddin said Hadi's statement clearly proved that PAS did not respect the rights of non-Muslims in the country and only needed their support to win in elections.

He also questioned why DAP leaders had kept quiet over Hadi's statement yet had the audacity to question the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that Malaysia was an Islamic country.

"I would like to ask Lim Kit Siang (DAP national chairman) what is his role in this issue.

Why is he keeping mum when a PAS leader had stated that the non-Muslims would lose any decision-making rights in an Islamic state," he added.