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LING: GOV'T COMMITTED TO HELP KIDNEY PATIENTS IN THE COUNTRY

KLANG, July 6 (Bernama) -- The government is committed to help patients suffering from kidney failure in the country to help ease their burden, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the matter was raised in the cabinet meeting and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had also agreed that such patients should be given support.

"On what kind of help (to be given), the Prime Minister will announce it later," he told reporters after officiating the Pasar Besar Jalan Meru Hemodialysis Association's new premises, here today.

Dr Ling said the matter was also raised by the backbenchers in Parliament recently as the cost of getting medical treatment for patients suffering kidney failure was high.

For the past five years, the haemodialysis centre was set up in a nearby clinic before moving to their new premises today.

Kidney failure patients have to pay RM60 for a haemodialysis session.

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