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Housing schemes throughout country for urban and rural poor

KUALA TERENGGANU, Fri. - The Government plans to develop housing schemes throughout the country for those in the low-income bracket, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the projects would be carried out in stages for both the urban poor and those in the rural areas.

He said Terengganu was the first State to benefit from the proposed scheme, with RM300 million allocated for it to build houses for fishermen.

"We are willing to spend a big amount of money although we sell the house at a very low price," he said after launching the housing project for fishermen's families at Kampung Tok Jembal today.

Dr Mahathir said the Government would build multi-storey homes for the urban poor, such as those from the squatter colonies, while the rural area people would get more comfortable houses.

"We do not have the entire allocation for the whole nation but it will be carried out in stages," he said.