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Moneylenders' clients urged to contact authorities

MALACCA, Thurs. - Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam has called on all those who have taken loans from illegal moneylenders to contact the State Government.

However, this is not to pass their debts to the State Government but to allow it to find out the extent of the problem in the State.

Mohd Ali said the State Government was preparing a working paper on illegal moneylenders.

"The information given to us will be strictly confidential," he said, adding the findings would be forwarded to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also the Finance Minister.

He said this would help the Government deal with the illegal money-lending problem more effectively.

He was speaking to reporters after presenting aid to some 198 flood victims from Ayer Keroh. They were given RM400 each to help them overcome difficulties after the floods hit their homes in July.

Mohd Ali said those who wanted to forward information about illegal moneylenders could do so at Wisma Negeri here, the Umno headquarters at Jalan Hang Tuah or his office at Seri Negeri.

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