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PM CHAIRS 88TH MEETING OF MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS

PUTRAJAYA, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today chaired the 88th Meeting of Menteris Besar and Chief Ministers here.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office, the meeting discussed, among other things, the review of the national school system; the upgrading and maintenance of rural roads; and changes in the implementation of housing projects under the development programme for the hardcore poor.

The meeting was attended by all the menteri besar and chief ministers as well as several cabinet ministers.

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Accident-Deaths

10 KILLED IN ACCIDENTS SINCE LAUNCH OF OPS SIKAP 3

KOTA BAHARU, Dec 3 (Bernama) -- A total of 10 people have been killed in fatal road accidents in Kelantan, since the launch of Ops Sikap 3 last Nov 29.

Kelantan chief police officer, SAC I Datuk Mohd Najib Abdul Aziz said the 10 consisted of six motorcyclists, two pedestrians, a pillion rider and a motorist.

"I would like to advise road-users to be careful particularly during the festive season as roads would normally be congested," he told Bernama after launching the Kelantan Road Safety Campaign, here today.

The ceremony, jointly organised by the Road Transport Department (JPJ) and the Police, was opened by Kelantan Menteri Besar, Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

Mohd Najib said the districts whereby the accidents occurred comprised Tanah Merah (three accidents), Pasir Mas and Tumpat (two each) as well as Bachok, Pasir Puteh and Machang (one each).

He cited the carelessness of road users, particularly motorcyclists, as one of the factors which contributed to the occurrence of such accidents.

Meanwhile, Nik Aziz advised the public to be careful while driving back to their hometowns considering the road congestions especially during the festive season.

State JPJ Director, Samsuddin Ishak, who was also present during the ceremony, said 200 temporary bus permits had been issued to local bus companies this year to provide sufficient bus services for people to travel to their hometowns during the festive season.

"The bus tickets are only RM3 more than the normal fare and consumers do not have to worry," he said.

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