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ADNAN ORDERS HALT TO ALL DEVELOPMENT ON CAMERON HIGHLANDS

KUANTAN, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today ordered an immediate stop to all development works on Cameron Highlands.

The order not only covered clearing of land on Blue Valley for tomato cultivation but also all other development works elsewhere on Cameron Highlands, he said after launching a signature campaign for peace in the world here.

A newspaper reported on Friday that a group of companies was illegally using heavy machinery to clear land in an area, which was formerly part of the Blue Valley Tea Plantation on Cameron Highlands.

The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, yesterday deplored the indiscriminate development on Cameron Highlands, where scant regard was being paid to the environment.

The Prime Minister, who was speaking at the simultaneous launching of the second anniversary of the Putrajaya Federal Territory and the Putrajaya Botanical Gardens, said he regretted that some areas on Cameron Highlands had been flattened to the extent they were no different from the lowlands elsewhere in the country.

Adnan said the state government for now did not plan to halt development works on highlands elsewhere in Pahang as no reports had been received about developers levelling hills.

He hoped the state government's move against errant developments on Cameron Highlands would serve as a lesson to others.

He expressed the hope that the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment would amend the Environment Conservation Act 1960 to provide for stiffer penalties.

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