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JB WATERFRONT CITY PROJECT SCALED DOWN

JOHOR BAHRU, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- The Johor government has cancelled the yet-to-be-completed portion of the RM6 billion JB Waterfront City (JBWC) project on a 28ha site in the Johor Straits here.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the existing development of JBWC comprising a commercial centre would be maintained but the rest of the planned projects had been cancelled.

The proposed development affected included the construction of a hotel and condominium, he told reporters after attending the Johor Baharu Umno Division Hari Raya reception here today.

The eight-hectare area where development had been abandoned would be redeveloped into a commercial centre based on a people-friendly concept, he said.

The steel piles driven into the sea, which have been disrupting water flow, would also be pulled out, he said.

The JBWC, a floating-city project, was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in July 1996. It is undertaken by the Johor Coastal Development Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of Pilecon Engineering Bhd.

Abdul Ghani said the cancellation of the rest of the JBWC project was meant to balance the "Gerbang Selatan Bersepadu" (GSB) project, which is under construction.

The GSB project, which is being developed by Gerbang Perdana Sdn Bhd, covers a 38.65ha site along the Tanjung Puteri coastal area.

It includes the construction of a new Customs, Immigration and Quarantine complex, deepening of the Tebrau Strait waterway and building of a bridge and railway station.

He said this development would change the Johor Baharu city landscape and link up with the project to turn Jalan Wong Ah Fook into a pedestrian mall.

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