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KEDAH HOPES FOR COMPENSATION OVER LOGGING BAN

KULIM, May 20 (Bernama) -- Kedah is hoping for adequate compensation from the federal government over the loss of potential income following the logging ban in the Ulu Muda forest reserve.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain said he expects Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to announce the compensation during his visit to the state this Friday.

The Cabinet decided to ban logging activities around the Ulu Muda forest reserve, including heli-logging, to preserve the water catchment area.

Speaking to reporters after launching the Kedah Medical Centre in the Kulim Hi-Tech Park here today, Syed Razak said the federal government had basically agreed on the compensation but the amount was yet to be determined.

The state was putting together the necessary materials needed for the federal government to evaluate the amount of compensation.

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