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PROMOTE "KELAB RUKUN NEGARA" IN SCHOOLS, DR ZAHARAH TELLS PTAs

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Parent/Teacher Associations (PTAs) should be actively involved in the promotion of "Kelab Rukun Negara" (National Principles Club) in schools, said National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Seri Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman said today.

She said the club, a brainchild of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, would enhance racial integration among students of various races.

The name of the club would also be changed to "Kelab Perpaduan" (Unity Club) next year to widen its scope of activities to cover national unity, she said at a news conference after the pre-launch of "Saya Anak Malaysia" campaign here.

Dr Zaharah said to-date, 1,500 such clubs had been set up in schools throughout the country.

On the "Saya Anak Malaysia" campaign, she said it would be launched in February with various activities aimed at promoting unity among the students.

In ALOR GAJAH, Dr Zaharah said the Welfare Services Department was ready to provide assistance in the event of floods during the coming rainy season.

The department in all states had been provided allocation for the purpose, she told reporters after presenting assistance to the 65 old folks and 30 orphans in Alor Gajah parliamentary constituency near Masjid Tanah.

On Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will retire as prime minister at the end of the month, Dr Zaharah said that as token of their appreciation to Dr Mahathir, the people should strive to better themselves.

She said that during his 22 years as prime minister, Dr Mahathir had worked hard to bring progress to the people.

"As such, we should strive to realise Dr Mahathir's aspirations as our way of showing our appreciation to our beloved Prime Minister," she said.

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