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BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT AT DR MAHATHIR'S BIRTHPLACE ON SCHEDULE

ALOR SETAR, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- About 30 percent of the project to beautify the birthplace of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad here has been completed.

Deputy Works Minister Mohamed Khaled Nordin said the RM5.2 million project, which began last January, was expected to be completed on schedule at the end of the year.

He told reporters this after inspecting the project and expansion work at the Jitra Industrial Training Institute.

Both projects are under the supervision of the Kedah Public Works Department.

The beautification project entails the construction of an auditorium, exhibition house and an administration building on a plot of land in front of house number 18, Lorong Kilang Ais, the place Dr Mahathir was born on Dec 20, 1925.

The house has been closed to the public from last June until end of this year for renovation work.

The beautification project is undertaken by Tajar Construction Sdn Bhd.

Mohamed Khaled also said 98 percent of the people in Kedah were getting piped water and the rest, who live in the interior, were expected to enjoy this facility by 2005.

The existing water supply can meet the state's needs until 2010 and efforts were being made to ensure adequate supply until 2030, he said.

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