

PAS Must Clarify Welfare State Concept
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KEPALA BATAS - PAS must clarify the welfare state concept it plans to implement, said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nor Mohamed Yakcop.

"This is necessary as the present government has been championing the people's welfare since independence. We want to know how what kind of welfare state it (PAS) wants to practice," he told reporters after presenting housing aid to the hardcore poor here today.

Nor Mohamed said the government not only practice the welfare state concept but add value via transformation towards developed nation status by 2020.

"Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak is always concerned about the people's welfare and is transforming the nation towards high income."

Earlier, Nor Mohamed said the government gave housing rental assistance amounting RM162,192 to 109 household heads in Penang this year.

"Each family listed in the e-kasih system for the hardcore poor and urban poor will receive RM1,488."

The aid is channeled via the Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Ministry and Penang Federal Development Office.

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