

# PM: RM330m to beef up security at Iskandar

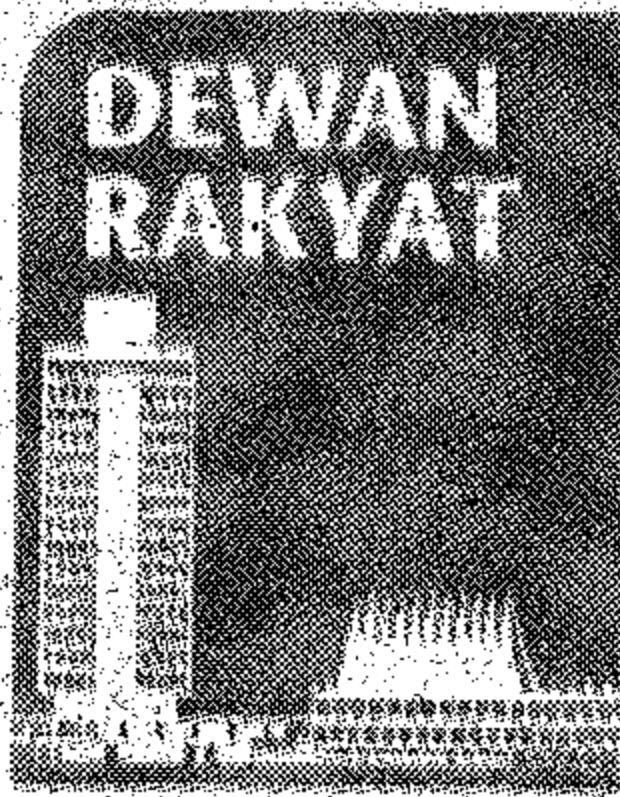
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THE government will spend RM330 million to boost security in the Iskandar Development Region in Johor.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said security and safety within the region would be a priority, together with development.

"The security projects will be carried out by the Internal Security Ministry at a cost of RM330 million," he said in a written reply to a question by Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed (BN-Pulai).

"With these projects and other security measures taken by the government, it is hoped that the increasing social



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problems in Johor and in the region can be reduced."

Abdullah, who is also the Internal Security Minister, said the government was aware

that development of the Iskandar Development Region (IDR) would attract an influx of outsiders into Johor Baru seeking employment.

"The government has already drafted a socio-economic initiative to fulfil the development needs of the region.

"The IDR master plan is a comprehensive strategy for the overall development of the region and will be used exhaustively in our efforts to spur economic growth to fulfil our mission to develop the region. The government will monitor the socio-economic situation to prevent problems from occurring."