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# Time management is Md Isa's strong point

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KANGAR: Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Md Isa Sabu spent most of his first 100 days in office settling a problem that had been plaguing the populace for quite some time.

High on Md Isa's agenda since day one was to clear the backlog of 10,400 land title applications.

In April, he set up a committee to oversee the problem and so far, 1,400 have been settled.

His quest is motivated by the fact that much of the state's land matters were being processed at a snail's pace.

Md Isa wants to ensure that land owners, mostly elderly folks who have been cultivating their plots of land for decades, received their grants quickly.

"These land owners are already in their 60s and 70s and may have few years left to enjoy the fruits of their labour," he said last Wednesday, which marked his first 100 days in office.

Quality delivery system is another of his top priorities.

When speaking to 300 employees of government agencies in March, Md Isa urged them to be punctual and fulfil their duties efficiently and according to regulations.

In this regard, Md Isa, who holds a doctorate in quality management, practises what he preaches.

Since being appointed menteri besar, he has attended all official functions on time.

"He is very particular about time management. Even if he is late, it would only be five minutes behind schedule," said one of Md Isa's aides.

The state's seven exco members have been working hard to attract more investments to the state.

The state government is in discussions with three manufacturers to set up factories in Padang Besar and Pauh.

Md Isa also plans to set up more cooperatives to help farmers market their produce and promote modern packaging methods.

Recently, it held discussions with 780 owners of orchards to find a solution to land issues.

His focus on his job is welcome, especially considering the political drama which unfolded in Perlis Barisan Nasional before and after the March 8 general election.

After the public squabbling over candidates for the polls, Perlis was then plunged into disarray over the appointment of the menteri besar.

Eventually, Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim had to make way for Md Isa, to begin a new era for Perlis.



Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Md Isa Sabu admits there are teething problems but he promises to improve the public delivery system.