

Veterans to get new and upgraded homes, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR: For every new home for veterans under the Defence Ministry Housing Blueprint 3.0 (BP3.0), four current homes will be upgraded, says the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said this was one of the goals of the Armed Forces Housing Initiative, which comes under the housing blueprint.

“Under the initiative, as many as 1,700 units will be built for veterans of the Armed Forces all over the country. At the same time, more houses will be available with the target goal of one new unit built, four existing ones upgraded,” he said in his speech when launching BP3.0.

Under the previous two housing blueprints, 4,200 units have been completed and handed over.

“To ensure continuity from the first and second blueprints, BP3.0



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Housing initiative:

Ismail Sabri launching BP3.0 while Hishammuddin (second from left) looks on at Wisma Perwira in Kuala Lumpur.

will focus on fulfilling the required 12,733 RKMAT (Rumah Keluarga Malaysia Angkatan Tentera) units all over the country in five phases, from 2023 until 2030.

“Under this programme, it is also targeted that 80% of the 7,292 RKMAT units are already available to be upgraded by combining two

units into one. At the same time, old furniture will be replaced with new ones,” he said.

He added that 552 RKMAT units were expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Ismail Sabri said the ministry was also considering procurement methods through privatisation such

as build-lease-maintain-transfer or land swap.

“This is because the government is aware of the financial burden that needs to be borne in order to implement BP3.0,” he said.

BP3.0 is a long-term housing project of the Defence Ministry that focuses on the welfare of

its personnel.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, who was at the launch, said the blueprint would ensure the housing issues were resolved in a holistic way.

He said one new feature in the blueprint was the inclusion of a risk management plan.

“This means that if in the future we face financial or land constraints, or if there is non-compliance of contractors, or if there are policy changes or other forms of risk, we have plans to deal with them.

“It is my great wish that all parties will move in the same direction to ensure all aspects of housing for members of the Armed Forces and veterans are prioritised,” he added.

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