

Extra RM35m to empower PPR communities

SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday announced an additional allocation of RM35 million for a programme to empower communities in People's Housing Projects (PPR) in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

He said the move was expected to benefit 50,000 PPR residents through the "Kita Untuk Kita" (K2K) programme, involving about 12 housing projects that are identified as problematic.

"We have approved the RM35 million and it can be implemented immediately because there are houses in dire condition.

"I have also discussed with the Local Government Development Ministry to speed up the process by not following the usual tender, which takes a long time, but through limited tender," he said after the launch of the K2K Programme here.

Present were Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari and Deputy Local Government Development Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir.

The K2K programme, among others, aims to build capacity and strengthen the role of the community to shoulder joint responsibilities in matters concerning building management and the environment in public housing areas.

In another development, Anwar said he would consider requests for early payment of April salaries to civil servants in preparation for the Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration. **Bernama**