

**Kedah UMNO Hopeful That Stage Bus Services Will Be Restored**  
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ALOR SETAR, Dec 21 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno has expressed hope that the RM400 million government fund can be quickly channelled to financially-troubled stage bus operators to enable them to resume operations.

Kedah Umno liaison chief Datuk Paduka Ahmad Bashah Md Hanifah said the fund would hopefully restore services for several stage bus routes here which were terminated as they had incurred losses.

"The people of Kedah are grumbling about how difficult their daily lives have become since the bus operations stopped, especially for those who need to get to the hospital and others whose children begin schooling next month.

"We hope the money will be immediately distributed for the bus companies to continue providing transport services to the public," he said in a media statement, here, Wednesday.

The media reported yesterday that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had approved a RM400 million lifeline for financially-troubled stage bus operators, and the money will be disbursed by the Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD).

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