

Housing: Low Income Earners And The Homeless Get Shelter
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 7 (Bernama)-- The Budget 2012 which provides housing and shelter programmes will provide a more comfortable life for the low income earners and the homeless.

Social Institute of Malaysia director, Associate Professor Dr. Mohamed Fadzil Che Din said the setting up of shelter homes, known as "Anjung Singgah", for the homeless would provide an opportunity for them to plan their life.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, when tabling Budget 2012, announced the construction of more than 75,000 units of the People's Housing Project (PPR) under the Tenth Malaysia Plan, the construction of the People's Friendly Housing Programme by Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad and the setting up of a special fund for fishermen's housing.

Vice-president of the National Community Development Council, Datin Paduka Khatijah Sulieman, said "Anjung Singgah", which would provide shelter, food, counselling and welfare aide for the homeless could make them feel more appreciated .

On the allocation for fishermen's housing, chairman of the Pahang Fishermen's Foundation, Mohd Hazmi Yusof, said the setting up of the special fund proved the government's concern for the fishing community.

On another issue, Attorney-General Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, who is also the chairman of the National Legal Aid Foundation (YBGK), thanked the government for the RM10 million grant allocated to the foundation.

In the 2012, Najib said a RM10 million grant would be allocated to the foundation next year.

The government had earlier launched a grant of RM5 million as a gesture of support for the foundation to uphold justice and ensure equal rights in terms of legal representation for all Malaysians.

On Feb 25 this year, Najib launched the foundation, which provided legal aid to the poor from households with an annual income of less than RM25,000.

Meanwhile, Director-General of the Legal Affairs Division at the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Saripuddin Kasim, also welcomed the good news.

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