

**Traders Receiving Assistance Under NKRA Must Pledge To Use Fund Wisely -  
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KANGAR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- The 227 smalltime traders who received business tool assistance worth RM1.16 million through a National Key Result Area (NKRA) allocation, signed a letter of undertaking, pledging to utilize the assistance to develop their business.

"To ensure they used the assistance for the right purpose, they will have to sign a letter of undertaking. If they are found to have misused such facilities, it can be withdrawn.

"We hope the assistance will motivate them further to improve their livelihood," Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim told reporters after witnessing 200 recipients signing their pledge here last night.

The assistance was presented by Shahidan who is the special advisor to the prime minister for the Northern Corridor Economic Region (NCER), in Simpang Empat, here two weeks.

Shahidan who is also the state assemblyman for Tambun Tulang said the RM1.16 million allocation was the first of more initiatives to come from the government to help small traders and those who newly started their business.

The Arau UMNO division head, said the recipients were not only from the Arau parliamentary constituency but also from Kangar and Padang Besar.

Shahidan later launched the Koperasi Peniaga Baru Berhad whose members comprised recipients of the assistance.

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