

**People's Plantation A Failed Project - BN Reps  
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KOTA BAHARU, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) representatives have described the two people's plantation projects in Gua Musang as failed projects which have been incurring losses since its inception five years ago.

Datuk Nozula Mat Diah (BN-Paloh) said in his supplementary question that several portions of the projects in Limau Kasturi and Paloh 4 had not been planted with oil palm despite having been launched five years ago.

Datuk Abdul Aziz Derashid (BN-Kuala Balah), meanwhile, called on the government to make public the list of participants for the two projects to see if the names were all PAS supporters.

Replying to these questions, Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakub said there was no truth in the claims and said that participants had received dividends from the projects.

"We will also issue the list of names," he said, dismissing claims that the state government had resorted to land grab in implementing the project.

Meanwhile, opposition leader Datuk Md Alwi Che Ahmad denied that the termination of contract for the main contractor of the Kota Baharu-Kuala Krai Expressway, was due to politics.

He said the contractors had on numerous occasions revised upward the construction cost, the last was an increase of up to RM2.5 billion from the initial cost of RM1.2 billion.

Meanwhile, executive councillor for agriculture, rural industry and biotechnology, Che Abdullah Mat Nawawi, said the National Agrobusiness Terminal would not affect the Wakaf Che Yeh wholesale market and other markets in the state.

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