

Perak Sultan Calls For Decentralisation Of Psychiatric Treatment Centres
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IPOH, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Azlan Shah, Thursday called for the decentralisation of psychiatric treatment centres for the benefit of patients.

He said this was necessary because family support is most relevant in the rehabilitation of patients.

"It is important that a harmonious family is provided with care and religious understanding to help develop emotional stability.

"However, due to hardship, many parents are busy with their work and are forced to neglect their children," he said when launching the centenary celebration of Hospital Bahagia Ulu Kinta in Tanjung Rambutan near here.

Sultan Azlan Shah said poor people do not have the strength of social capital to build wholesome families.

As such, he said, it was most important for the country to have a social policy and welfare programme which can help alleviate pressure on the people.

"Besides, these can also provide a wider psychiatric treatment service," he said.

The sultan also said that the work of the hospital staff cannot be taken lightly because these people need to have great inner, mental and emotional strength in dealing with the patients and their families.

Sultan Azlan Shah also visit the hospital's psychiatric museum.

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