

DPM Approves RM1.4 Million To Upgrade Tasek Gelugor Market
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BUTTERWORTH, Sept 17 (Bernama) -- The Tasek Gelugor Market is to be upgraded at a cost of RM1.4 million, an allocation which Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin approved immediately after traders there made the request at a meeting with him today.

Muhyiddin, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairman, had begun his day-long working visit to Penang by going to the market and holding a dialogue with the traders.

The project would be implemented with the cooperation of the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and the Seberang Perai Municipal Council, he said in his speech after visiting the construction site in Penang of the electrified double-track railway line from Ipoh to Padang Besar.

The upgrading would include increasing the number of trading stalls and improving the toilets, he added.

Accompanying Muhyiddin on the visit were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Tasek Gelugor MP Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department and Penang BN chairman Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon.

Tasek Gelugor Market Traders Association chairman Long Rejab, 73, said the traders were pleasantly surprised by the immediate response from Muhyiddin to their request.

"We thank him for the allocation. The upgrading will provide the traders and customers much more comfort at the market which is more than 20 years old," he said. The market has 70 stalls.

Muhyiddin also announced a RM1-million allocation for the renovation and repainting of the four blocks of flats in Taman Retina, Permatang Berangan.

Taman Retina Residents Association chairman S. Muniandy said the flats were in a state of disrepair with broken pipes and leaking roofs and the allocation was timely.

"We are thankful to the federal government for the assistance," he said.

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