

**Kampung Baru Redevelopment, Government Has No Hidden Agenda, Says Muhyiddin Bernama  
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PUTRAJAYA, Feb 26 (Bernama) -- The government has no hidden agenda in redeveloping Kampung Baru in Kuala Lumpur, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the redevelopment of the Malay settlement was being undertaken because the government was concerned about uplifting the economic status and quality of life of its residents.

"The redevelopment of Kampung Baru is a key agenda in transforming the status and identity of the settlement which is closely linked to the honour, history and self-esteem of the Malays.

"Thus, a series of intensive discussions and meetings were held and will continue to be held by the Kampung Baru Development Corporation (KBDC) with the owners of land or their heirs at the settlement," he said when closing a Federal Territories (FT) Day celebration here Sunday.

At the function, Muhyiddin also presented prizes to the winners of a national flag waving campaign and joined those present for lunch.

He also presented cash aid contributions to 1,000 people from the FT who consisted of the poor, single mothers, orphans, disabled persons and other needy people.

Muhyiddin urged all quarters to work closely with full commitment to make Kampung Baru's redevelopment a success.

As to the fate of 1,578 petty traders in the area, he said the government had agreed to redevelop the Raja Bot market there so as to ensure they were not left out of Kampung Baru's redevelopment.

He added that he hoped that when the redevelopment of the market was completed, it would become an iconic heritage landmark to draw foreign tourists.

In his speech, Muhyiddin said the large allocation provided under the Greater Kuala Lumpur and Klang Valley national key economic area initiative, showed the commitment of the government to transform the Klang Valley to an even more thriving economic hub and Kuala Lumpur to be among the top 20 liveable cities in the world by 2020.

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