

**Felda A True Champion Of The Malays – Rais
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JELEBU, July 31 (Bernama) -- Championing the welfare of the Malays without neglecting the rights of the other races in the country is among the biggest successes achieved by the Federal Land Development Authority (Felda), said Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim.

As such, he said the struggle to ensure the survival of the Malays particularly in the aspects of the economy should not be disputed by any quarter.

"In the current socio-political landscape in the country, there are certain quarters who are refusing to acknowledge the successes attained by Felda and are turning the issue into political polemics," he said at a breaking of the fast event for the Jelubu parliamentary and Sungai Lui state constituences at Masjid Felda Lui Muda here Tuesday.

He said pursuant to this, Felda settlers including the womenfolk as well as the youths living in Felda schemes must play a role to counter the baseless accusations hurled by these quarters so as to make a success of the transformation agenda planned for the authority.

Besides this, he said Village Development and Security Committees (JKKRs) in Felda schemes should also conduct monitoring activities to curb social ills and analyse the successes and growth attained by Felda to counter the naysayers.

He said Felda JKKRs should also redouble efforts to identify settlers or families still in need of assistance.

At the function, Rais, who is also the MP for Jelabu, also presented Phase Two windfall payments for Felda settlers that was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak recently totalling RM1.65 million to 213 wives of settlers.

He also handed over a contribution of RM110,00 for building a public hall in in Felda Lui Timur and also aid for minor repairs of mosques and surau in the Sungai Lui state constituency amounting to RM1,000 each.

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