

Government Committed To Build More Affordable Homes
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GEORGE TOWN, Oct 18 (Bernama) -- The government is committed to build more affordable homes for squatters and those earning RM2,500 and below to ensure that this group has the opportunity to own homes within the next one to two years.

Deputy Director-General (Development) of the National Housing Department (JPN) Datuk Mohamad Yusoff Ghazali said that as of Aug 31, 2012, the department had built 65,550 units of houses under the People's Housing Programme (PPR) and 39,000 units would be built under the 10th Malaysia Plan.

"The government is aware that currently the cost of houses in big cities like Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Johor Baharu have gone up especially those costing RM400,000.

"The government had implemented various programmes through the 1Malaysia Housing Corporation (PR1MA), Syarikat Perumahan Nasional Berhad (SPNB) and JPN to tackle issues on affordable homes. The JPN will cater for the needs of those earning RM2,500 and the squatters," he told reporters after opening the Housing Seminar 2012 at the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), here today.

He said this when commenting on the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak that the government was considering to bear the cost of infrastructure to enable private developers to build more houses below the market price.

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