

BN Brings Cheer To Woman Living In Termite-ridden House

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GEORGE TOWN, March 19 (Bernama) -- Hawa Bi Ali, 81, shed tears when she heard that her dilapidated termite-ridden house in the Jelutong parliamentary constituency was going to be repaired.

"I thank the government for the help, otherwise I will continue to live in such a (dilapidated) house," she told reporters.

Hawa, a heart patient with failing sight, is the beneficiary of house repairs to be carried out by the Barisan Nasional (BN) in four villages - Kampung Sheikh Eusof, Kampung Jalan Madrasah, Kampung Makam and Kampung Rawa - in the constituency at a cost of RM200,000.

She has been living with her only son, Ahmad Zabidi, 46, a construction worker, after her husband died more than 30 years ago.

With what little money they have, Hawa and Ahmad Zabidi have patched up their rotting floor with planks.

Jelutong BN coordinator Ng Fook On said about 100 houses would be repaired under the programme which was announced by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin during a visit to the constituency on Feb 5.

"Many of the beneficiaries are from the e-kasih database, and we have also identified ailing elderly people from the low-income group who are unable to repair their houses," he told reporters at the launch of the house-repair programme, here.

Ng said the houses would be repaired on a "gotong-royong" (self-help) basis by two associations - Persatuan Kebajikan dan Khidmat Nasihat Jelutong and Persatuan Belia Generasi Jelutong - at a cost of RM2,000 per house.

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