

RM100m allocation 'shows PM cares'
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KUANTAN: With the RM100 million allocation announced by the prime minister five days ago, the state departments can proceed with public projects that have been put on hold because of lack of funds.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the state government planned to use the money to resolve problems such as recurring floods and traffic jams.

"With the allocation, the relevant departments, including the state Drainage and Irrigation Department, can now carry out projects to improve the drainage system here."

Adnan said this after attending a ceremony for 126 new Orang Asli Muslim converts from Bukit Ibam, Rompin, and Lurah Bilut, Raub, at Yayasan Pahang here yesterday.

The RM100m allocation was announced by Datuk Seri Najib Razak during the final phase of the Jelajah Janji Ditepati programme here on Saturday.

Adnan said this showed that the prime minister was very sensitive towards the needs of not only residents here, but throughout the country.

"He is in touch with the needs of Kuantan residents, especially on the issue of flooding."

Adnan said other projects in the pipeline included the construction of an outer-ring road and a flyover to ease traffic congestion.

"We have identified suitable locations for these projects, including a bypass heading out of Kuantan across Sungai Kuantan that will ease traffic congestion in the town centre.

"A bypass will be built through Bukit Pelindung here and connecting to Jalan Beserah (a major road linking the town centre to the Kuantan bypass at Gebeng Industrial Area)."

He said the state government was also planning to build several bridges across Sungai Kuantan to complement the existing two bridges.

He added that designated lanes for buses and taxis would also be built to link the town centre with Teluk Chempedak, a popular beach hotspot.

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