

SPNB To Build Affordable Housing For Bumiputeras
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IPOH, Sept 17 (Bernama) - Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad (SPNB) is discussing with the state governments to build more affordable housing for Bumiputeras.

Its chairman Datuk Dr Abdul Latiff Ahmad said discussions had been held with the state governments of Kedah, Johor, Melaka and Negeri Sembilan.

"The four states have given positive response," he told reporters after the 'Ramah Mesra SPNB Bersama Rakyat' programme here Tuesday.

Speaking at the Bumiputera Economic Empowerment event recently, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the government via Syarikat Perumahan Rakyat 1Malaysia (PR1MA) and SPNB, in cooperation with the state governments, will increase affordable housing for Bumiputeras.

However, SPNB found it difficult to have discussion with states under the administration of the opposition coalition.

"We could not proceed with the programme in the opposition coalition states as the power to approve implementation is within the jurisdiction of the state governments."

Abdul Latif said SPNB plans to build 30,000 units affordable housing and 10,000 units Rumah Mesra Rakyat (RMR) for the poor nationwide in five years.

At the event, 22 people received the keys to their homes and 12 people received offer letters for RMR.

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