

State Govts Urged To Present PPA1M Locations Fast
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JOHOR BAHRU, May 16 (Bernama) -- The Urban Well-being, Housing and Local Government Ministry has urged the state governments to identify their respective locations for the 1Malaysia Civil Servants Housing project (PPA1M) quickly in order to speed up the project.

Its Deputy Minister Datuk Halimah Sadique noted that so far only Sabah, Pahang and two other states had presented their locations.

"We hope that the rest of the state governments will send in their list quickly, so that we can start building soon because the allocations are ready.

"They should choose strategic sites close to public transport and other amenities," she told reporters here today.

She had earlier visited the Taman Tampoi Utama flats accompanied by Pulai member of parliament Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, who is also Public Accounts Committee chairman.

In Johor, she said, two projects were slated for this year with one of them at Iskandar Malaysia, which is the seat of the state administration.

She said the government was targeting 100,000 houses between RM90,000 and RM300,000 under the PPA1M project.

Touching on low and medium cost flats under the People's Housing Project, she said, seven of them would be built in Johor this year with 3,800 units.

The ministry would not only build them but also bear between 70 to 90 percent of the maintenance cost through the 1Malaysia Maintenance Fund.

But in Johor, the state government has agreed to absorb between 10 and 30 percent of the cost borne by the flats' joint management committees.

So far this year, the ministry had approved 30 applications for allocations under the TP1M amounting to RM14.1 million for the maintenance of such flats throughout Johor, she added.

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