

**Tekun To Consider Engaging Debt Collection Agencies To Recover Non-Performing Loans -
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PUTRAJAYA, March 30 (Bernama) -- The National Entrepreneurial Group Economic Fund (Tekun) will consider a proposal to use the services of debt collection agencies to collect non-performing loans, said Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said the move would be as a last resort to solve the problem of non-performing loans totaling more than RM500 million.

"This amount is still seen to be high. For debt collection, we will begin with a suit, but if that fails, the services of debt collection agencies will be engaged.

"All this while, debts have been collected by Tekun's officers and they have managed to collect 78 per cent. For me this is the best system, but enlisting the services of debt collection agencies is the last resort," he said.

He was speaking during a gathering with 328 Tekun personnel from all over the country along with ministry officials here, today.

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