

## **DPM Vows to Overcome Dilapidation Problems at GOF's 10<sup>th</sup> Battalion Camp in Lanang**

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SIBU, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has stated his determination to solve dilapidation problems at the General Operations Force's (GOF) 10th Battalion Camp (BN 10) in Lanang here.

This, said Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, was in order to take care of the welfare of the personnel at the camp as the GOF is a branch of the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM).

He conceded the accommodation and office facilities at the camp, which was built of wood in 1968, were 'illogical and inhuman'.

Showing his commitment, Ahmad Zahid directed Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Alwi Ibrahim to look for funds so that the facilities at the camp could be upgraded as soon as possible.

"I am very concerned and have come to see for myself, in order to believe it, despite being briefed on the plight of BN 10 in Kuala Lumpur and Kuching. Not only based on written reports. Indeed, the condition is really bad," he said during his visit to the camp today.

Other than the dilapidated structures of the buildings, the camp is often inundated by floods, and this not only posed a problem to the personnel to carry out their duties, but also brought discomfort to their families.

Before assuming the current name, BN 10 was known as Police Field Force's 15th Battalion, and was at one time under the command of ASP Mohd Johnny Mustapha who was killed in a communist ambush while patrolling at a black pepper farm in Sungai Stabau here on April 6, 1975.

Also killed with him in the ambush was Constable Nuing Saling.

Ahmad Zahid also said the performance of BN 10 was the best in the country and it was apt the welfare of its officers, personnel and their families be given attention by the government.

He also handed over a RM100,000 contribution to enlarge a surau and a chapel at the camp.

In addition, the Deputy Prime Minister also gave a personal contribution of RM10,000 for the Police Family Association of BN 10.

In the meantime, he reminded the officers and personnel to give their loyalty, not only to the battalion or the Sarawak General Operations Force Brigade, but also to the ruling state government.

"We want the current state government to continue to rule and be given full trust by the people of Sarawak especially by the officers and personnel of PDRM statewide," he said.

Also present were Deputy Home Ministers Datuk Nur Jazlan Muhammad and Masir Kujat, Sarawak Local Government and Community Development Minister Datuk Seri Wong Soon Koh and Federal Police (Bukit Aman) Internal Security and Public Order Department director Senior DCP Datuk Muhammad Fuad Abu Zarim.

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