

## **Jelebu BN draws up numerous development agenda**

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SEREMBAN, April 7 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) has outlined various short-term and long-term agendas for prosperity and development in Jelebu, among them ensuring more affordable homes and employment opportunities to curb youth migration into urban areas.

Jelebu BN chairman Datuk Jalaluddin Alias said that if youth migration into urban areas was not stopped, it could cause the population in Jelebu to dwindle in years to come.

"There are many affordable homes for Jelebu's second generations because we want them to settle down here, but it is also able to check the prices of homes from soaring in towns like in Seremban, for example, due to the lack of demand to buy houses there," he told Bernama here.

Jalaluddin who is also Pertang State Assemblyman (ADUN) and state Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Action Committee chairman said that, over the last five years, other than improving nearly 500 homes of the elderly, 65 units of new houses had been built for those less fortunate.

He said 144 units of houses were completed in Felda Pasoh 1, 121 units of 'Rumah Bina Negara' (BN) houses would be built in Felcra Lakai in the near future on 12.14 ha of land, and two villages namely Kampung Jelin and Kampung Chennah would be expanded under the village extension project.

He said apart from housing, employment opportunities were also among the items that were stressed to realise the desire to bring a vibrant development to Jelebu, such as in an

agriculture project to cultivate high quality durians such as 'musang king' over the next 10 years.

"Jelebu is also known for its extreme sports activities such as off-road sports and youths can glean various sources of incomes from tourism such as homestays and so on," he said.

He said in line with the development plan in Jelebu, public infrastructure facilities were not viewed lightly, among them upgrading roads from Kampung Chennah to Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

In the aspect of the well-being of the people, various facilities and development would be implemented including a RM2 million mosque under construction at Kampung Triang, the Jelebu District Religious Complex in Kuala Klawang which is 90 per cent completed while a sports complex and a 1,500-people capacity hall in Simpang Pertang would also be built this year.

Jalaluddin said community halls that have not been maintained for a long time had also been upgraded such as the community halls in Simpang Pertang, Kuala Klawang and Chennah.

He said the state government had also spent RM6.6 million last year for maintenance of state roads, resurfacing village roads and repairing dilapidated bridges in Jelebu while 350 units of street lights were installed under the Village Lighting Programme in the last five years.

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