

Assistance rendered in Tanjung Piai not polls goodies - Johor MB

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PONTIAN, Nov 1 -- The government assistance for the people in Tanjung Piai parliamentary constituency are not merely goodies ahead of the by-election, said Menteri Besar Dr Sahrudin Jamal.

He said the infrastructure and education assistance as well as fishermen welfare aid, had been planned much earlier when MP Dr Md Farid Md Rafik was still alive.

“In fact, Md Farid had worked hard to ensure further development in the Tanjung Piai area. We are not giving out goodies to win votes as Dr Md Farid had applied for these assistance,” he told reporters after handing over fish fries and cages at the Kukup International Ferry Terminal near here today.

It was reported that earlier announcements on allocations made by several ministers in Tanjung Piai had drawn criticism from the opposition who claimed the move was to win votes.

However, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had denied that the RM7 million allocation provided for the Tanjung Piai parliamentary constituency was to gain the support of the constituents.

Dr Mahathir stressed that the government was just doing its job and that the allocation unintentionally coincided with the date of the Tanjung Piai parliamentary by-election.

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