

Kelantan among four states in Peninsular given priority by govt for development, says DPM

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KOTA BARU: Kelantan is among four states in the Peninsular that have been given priority by the Federal government in terms of development, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof.

Therefore, the government would ensure the allocation given to Kelantan for development projects, amounting to more than RM2 billion, would be carried out smoothly.

"Kelantan is among the four states in the Peninsular which are a bit left out in terms of development. The other states are Kedah, Terengganu and Perlis.

"These states received more attention from the Federal government and the government will make sure all the development projects approved to these states including Kelantan are carried out quickly and effectively.

"It will be no use if we approve more than RM2 billion for Kelantan but the projects could not be implemented.

"It is the role of the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department to ensure a whole government approach can be implemented smoothly," he said.

He told this to reporters after launching a meeting of the state heads of departments and federal agencies here today.

Also present were director of the Kelantan Development Office of the Implementation Coordination Unit of the Prime Minister's Department, Jasri Kasim and Kelantan police chief Datuk Muhamad Zaki Harun.

Fadillah said in his speech today, he also delivered a message from the Prime Minister to the heads of federal departments and agencies.

"The Prime Minister has asked the heads of the agencies and departments to find a more efficient implementation method for the projects without sacrificing governance.

"They must also find way to implement projects for the welfare of the people," he added.

Today's meeting is also expected to discuss flood preparations.

"We must be prepared for any possibility. If flood occurs, where the victims will be evacuated, whether the relief centres are ready and also on flood supply.

"All the agencies involved must make their preparations from now on," he added.