

East coast states lack proper waste management, says Zuraida

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Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin during the visit to the Bukit Tagar Sanitary Landfill, managed by the Berjaya Group.

HULU SELANGOR: Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin is discussing with the Kelantan, Terengganu, and Pahang state governments to upgrade their solid waste management systems.

She said the menteris besar have voiced their concern as these states don't have a proper and systematic solid waste disposal system to meet standards set by the Department of Environment.

Zuraida noted that several states have not signed an agreement with the federal government under the Solid Waste and Public Cleansing Management Act 2007 (Act 672).

These were Kelantan, Terengganu, Selangor, Penang, Sabah, Sarawak, Perak and Perlis.

Act 672 is only enforced in Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya, Johor, Melaka, Negeri Sembilan, Pahang, Kedah and Perlis.

This act regulates the proper management of solid waste.

"Even though they have not signed to come under this act, it is the ministry's responsibility to ensure the country is clean and that an effective solid waste management system is in place in all states."

Zuraida said that it would be up to the states to find their own concessionaires to collect the rubbish, so long as the waste management is effective.