

## **Zuraida promises a more effective waste management system**

**KUALA TERENGGANU:** The Housing and Local Government Ministry will implement a more organised and effective solid waste management system nationwide, says its minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

For a start, she said, four landfill sites equipped with modern technologies would be constructed in Terengganu.

The four spots are Sungai Ikan, which will cater to the Kuala Terengganu and Setiu

districts, Bukit Jemalang (Kemaman and Dungun), Tertak Batu (Marang and Hulu Terengganu) and Pengkalan Keling (Besut).

"There are seven local authorities in the state, but the landfill sites here are scattered and not effectively managed.

"As such, we need to have the solid waste management coordinated in maintaining cleanliness, which will help boost the tourism industry in Terengganu," she told reporters

after visiting the proposed site for a transportation terminal at KT Sentral near Bandar Baru Bukit Besar here yesterday.

Currently, Terengganu only produces 500 tonnes of garbage daily compared to other developed states, with Selangor producing 7,000 tonnes and Kuala Lumpur 3,000 tonnes daily.

On the construction of the integrated transport terminal, she said the Federal Govern-

ment would support the proposal but the state government would have to give a more detailed presentation to Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and the ministry for approval.

"God willing, the project will be included in the 12th Malaysia Plan.

"It is expected to take three years to complete with an estimated cost of RM156mil," she said. — Bernama