

One PPR project in Sabah next year

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KOTA KINABALU: The Housing and Local Government Ministry will build 14 People's Housing Programme (PPR) projects throughout Malaysia next year, said its Secretary-General Datuk Seri Mohammad bin Mentek.

Of the 14, one would be in Lahad Datu, in Sabah's east coast.

"14 PPRs are to be built by next year and Sabah will have one coming up in Tungku, Lahad Datu. It will have about 500 units," he told a press conference after officiating the #TrashToCash Eco-Community Programme at PPR Taman Sri Keramat, Putatan, here, Saturday.

Mentek said besides the additional PPR project in Tungku next year, there are currently seven PPR projects underway in Sabah.

"For instance, PPR Gayang which has 500 units is now under construction, including PPRs in Semporna, Keningau and Kota Belud," he said.

He added that to date, there are 40 PPR projects in Sabah amounting to 27,099 units. Of the 40, some 30 (20,799 units) have been completed, seven (4,650 units) are under construction and three (1,650 units) are still in the planning phase.

"Sabah actually has the most number of PPR projects, and when people ask me why Sabah has more than other States, it is because we need to understand that Sabah has the highest number of squatters," he stressed.

On the Eco-Community programme, Mentek said it was introduced to the local community and PPR residents to raise awareness on the importance of cleanliness, waste segregation and generating side income by recycling waste.

Activities during the programme include a 3KM plogging run, a trash audit (segregating waste in exchange for cash) and the launching of "Community Eco