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INCOME BELOW RM2,200

30,000 KL families living below poverty line

PETALING JAYA: More than 30,000 families from the 1.8 million population living in the capital are estimated to have an income of below RM2,200, which is below the poverty line, said Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa.

Annuar said the number was identified in 178 localities in Kuala Lumpur, especially involving People's Housing Project (PPR) residents.

"In the city (Kuala Lumpur), this group cannot meet basic needs, such as food, clothes and shelter. (So) we feel that they need to be assisted with facilities and aid and there must be special planning so that this group is not left behind," he said yesterday.

Annuar was speaking after announcing the list of 335 recipients of awards, honours and medals in conjunction with the Federal Territory Day celebration here.

Present were the Federal Territories Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Rosida Jaafar and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Ma-

hadi Che Ngah.

However, Annuar said, the exact number of household heads who fell under the poverty line could not be determined, as the matter was managed by agencies such as the Social Welfare Department, Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council and Federal Territories Islamic Religious Department.

"We believe there is overlap, but our estimation is based on household heads in 63,000 units of PPR in the capital, with half of them being under the poverty line."

He said the ministry would distribute more than 5,000 bags of rice per week to the needy under the MyBeras@Wilayah programme compared with 3,000 bags previously, due to overwhelming response from contributors.

"We expect to distribute 20,000 to 30,000 bags of rice to target groups in one month. The public can donate at least RM10 via the MyInfraq portal."



Some of the recipients of MyBeras@Wilayah at Kompleks Yayasan Wangsa Perdana, Wangsa Maju, in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. PIC BY ASWADI ALIAS

He said that the distribution would be carried out systematically to target groups in each zone to ensure no violation of standard operating procedures (MCO).

MyBeras@Wilayah is a sub-programme of MyFood@Wilayah, and is organised for the urban poor or those who had lost their income during the MCO.

It was launched virtually by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in his Federal Territory Day message on Sunday. **Bernama**