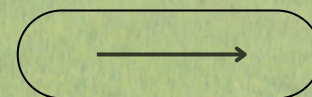




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## Jelapang Padi Selatan gabungan tiga negeri

**MELAKA** - Kerajaan Melaka akan mengemukakan cadangan untuk mewujudkan kawasan Jelapang Padi Selatan kepada kerajaan Persekutuan bagi menjamin bekalan padi negara pada masa depan.

Exco Kemajuan Desa, Pertanian dan Keterjaminan Makanan negeri, Dr Muhamad Akmal Saleh berkata Jelapang Padi Selatan itu akan melibatkan Melaka, Negeri Sembilan serta Johor.

“Untuk mewujudkan kawasan Jelapang Padi Selatan memerlukan minimum 5,000 hektar tetapi Melaka sahaja tak cukup, sebab itu kena libatkan Negeri Sembilan dan Johor.

“Jika dua negeri ini setuju, kita akan gabung untuk dijadikan Jelapang Padi Selatan kerana ia memberi banyak kelebihan seperti peruntukan-peruntukan tertentu daripada kerajaan Persekutuan,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian kepada pemberita di luar sidang Dewan Undangan Negeri (DUN) Melaka di sini pada Rabu.

Dalam pada itu, Muhamad Akmal berkata, kerajaan negeri juga sedang melakukan kajian bagi mewartakan tanah sawah untuk kelangsungan bekalan padi di negeri itu.

Jelas beliau, berdasarkan data tanah sawah di Melaka adalah seluas 1,395 hektar, namun sebahagiannya telah dibangunkan perumahan dan lain-lain.

“Kalau kita tak buat perkara ini (pewartaan tanah sawah), 10 tahun akan datang kita akan hadapi masalah kemerosotan padi, (pewartaan) akan beri jaminan untuk keterjaminan makanan di Melaka.

“Ketika ini kebanyakan tanah sawah di Melaka terletak di Jasin dan Alor Gajah,” katanya. - *Bernama*

# Enough rice for four months, says Mohamad

**THERE** is sufficient rice to last more than four months, says Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu.

In a written reply in Parliament, he said that as of Feb 27, the physical stock of rice in the country stood at 881,554 metric tonnes, equivalent to 4.41 months of the country's needs.

From the total, 591,554 metric tonnes of rice are stocked in factories, wholesale and retail outlets.

"Imported rice makes up 32,627 metric tonnes, while local rice and padi stood at 107,540 metric tonnes."

Mohamad was responding to Fathul Huzir Ayub (PN-Gerik) who had asked the minister to explain its contingency plans to ensure sufficient supply of rice in the country.

He said the ministry had conducted Op Beras Putih Tem-

patan, Op Jamin and also issued a maximum purchase limit directive for local white rice buyers.

"Furthermore, the ministry is also implementing additional measures to ensure a guaranteed and stable distribution and supply of local white rice, including increasing the distribution of local white rice to suburban and rural areas by the Federal Agricultural Marketing Authority and the Farmers Organisation Authority," the minister said.

Mohamad added that they also provided a subsidy of RM950 per metric tonne for imported white rice for Sabah, Sarawak, and Labuan, starting Oct 5, 2023.

"Padiberas Nasional Bhd, as the concessionaire, is being strengthened by ensuring that the obligations under the concession are met to ensure the sufficiency and availability of the country's rice supply," he added.