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RM1.14bil plans for T'gganu

State economy and tourism sectors to benefit, says Azmin

KUALA TERENGGANU: A total of RM1.14bil have been allocated for Terengganu for the implementation of infrastructure development projects this year, says Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali.

He said the allocation was expected to have a positive impact on the economy and tourism sector in Terengganu.

"Today I visited Terengganu to see several development projects, including the Pasar Payang complex, which is under construction.

"I also just toured the drawbridge which is an attraction for both domestic and foreign tourists," he told reporters after visiting Pasar Besar Kedai Payang here yesterday.

Also present was Terengganu Menteri Besar, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Samsuri Mokhtar.

Besides Terengganu, Azmin said



Nice to meet you: Azmin (right) speaking to a visitor at the Pasar Besar Kedai Payang in Kuala Terengganu. Also present is Ahmad Samsuri (centre). — Bernama

the ministry has also identified five other states that needed more development, namely Kelantan, Kedah, Perlis, Sabah and Sarawak.

Azmin said in addition to infrastructure development, additional allocations would also be channelled to Terengganu, including to

address erosion problems in some districts such as Dungun and Kuala Nerus.

"The Terengganu government has presented the matter at the ECERDC (East Coast Economic Region Development Council) meeting chaired by the Prime Minister last November, where an allocation is urgently needed because of the serious erosion problem.

"The problem of coastal erosion should be given serious consideration and it is expected to cost RM80mil," he said.

Azmin added that RM64mil has been channelled to the state to check coastal erosion in four locations.

The RM80mil second phase upgrading project is expected to start by mid-year to prevent erosion before the arrival of the monsoon season, he said. — Bernama