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Additional RM15 billion allocation for flood mitigation projects handled by KASA



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KOTA BARU: The additional RM15 billion allocation for flood mitigation projects throughout the country will be handled by the Ministry of Environment and Water (KASA).

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Economy) Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said KASA would be responsible for the distribution of the allocation and plans for the eight-year project.

He said the project which would be carried out between 2023 and 2030, was aimed at tackling flood-related issues in the country.

"KASA will distribute the allocation as decided by the Cabinet," said Mustapa.

At the same time, the Jeli MP said the ministry would continue to carry out Phase Two of the Sungai Golok flood mitigation project.

"Phase One of the project costing about RM600 million is expected to be completed next year.

"The government hopes with all these projects, it would solve the flood issues in the country including in Kelantan," he added.

On March 4, the federal government announced an additional RM15 billion for flood mitigation projects between 2023 and 2030.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob said the Cabinet decided to approve the budget in light of the recent floods.

Before this, he said, only RM1 billion was set aside for mitigation projects under the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025).