

RM903m to clean up 3 rivers

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JOHOR BARU: The Federal Government has approved RM903 million to rehabilitate three rivers here.

The rivers pass through the Iskandar Development Region.

Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said work to clean Sungai Segget, Sungai Skudai and Sungai Tebrau would begin next year.

He said a contractor would be appointed to implement the project, which was expected to be completed in three years.

Ghani was speaking after hosting a luncheon for 482 people who were leaving to perform their pilgrimage in Mecca under the sponsorship of the state government.

"The rehabilitation project is also in tandem with the waterfront development along the Straits of Tebrau.

"We will make it compulsory for eateries and factories to install grease traps to filter oil and chemical discharge from flowing into the Straits."