

Project in Pantai Teluk Kemang not abandoned

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WORK to beautify and build a retaining wall along the Pantai Teluk Kemang beach stretch in Port Dickson has been delayed due to a short supply of sand.

Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said the project along the 1.7km stretch of the beach had not been abandoned as claimed by some quarters.

"The contractor has given us assurance that he would get the supply of sand from outside the state soonest.

"We have told him that we want work to resume quickly," he said, adding that work needs to begin fast due to soil erosion problems along the affected stretch.

Mohamad said he was notified that the contractor had obtained approval from the Malacca government to purchase sand from the state.



Delayed project: Hundreds of concrete slabs kept haphazardly along the Pantai Teluk Kemang beach stretch in Port Dickson since July have not only become an eyesore but pose danger to picnickers.

"We had also carried out similar work along another stretch at Km6.4 Jalan Pantai a couple of years ago and the project was successfully completed.

"Since the project is for the public, we do not want any more delays

after this," he said.

Traders and boat operators along the affected stretch said business had been affected due to the delay.

Teluk Kemang Business and Petty Traders Association secre-

tary Borhan Gembor said the project, which was supposed to have been completed by the end of November, had been abandoned since July.

"Concrete slabs kept on the beach for months have become an eyesore.

"There are also fewer picnickers coming to this stretch which was once one of the more popular spots in PD," he said.

Borhan said the concrete slabs also posed a danger especially during high tide.

State Irrigation and Drainage department director Hashim Osman said once the project was completed, more people would be able to throng the stretch.

"Once the wall is built, the section of the beach would be widened.

"In fact, the stretch would also be beautified as landscaping work will also be carried out in the area," he said.