

Proposal to brand Sabah, S'wak as mainland M'sia among topics in Parliament today

KUALA LUMPUR – The question on whether the government intends to brand Sabah and Sarawak as mainland Malaysia – since the two states have a total land size of 198,354sq km or 60% of Malaysia's land – is expected to be answered during the question-and-answer session in the Dewan Rakyat today.

According to the Order Paper, the matter will be raised through a question by Datuk Seri Wilfred Madius Tangau (Tuaran-Upko) to the prime minister, considering that the Federation of Malaya or Peninsular Malaysia only totalled 132,265sq km or 40% of Malaysia's size.

There will also be a question from Ahmad Fadhli Shaari (Pasir Mas-PAS) to the environment and water minister on the latest progress of the flood mitigation project along Sg Golok, involving the international border between Malaysia and Thailand.

Focus is also expected over a question by Datuk Seri Rohani Abdul Karim (Batang Lupar-GPS) on whether data collected by the **Statistics Department** reflects the real situation of the various dimensions of poverty that exist in the country.

After the session, the lower House will continue with the debate session on the Supply Bill 2022 at the committee level for the Transport Ministry; Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministry; and the Rural Development Ministry.

Yesterday, the committee level debate session involved the Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives Ministry, with the Dewan Rakyat approving an allocation of RM195,036,300 for the Supply Bill and RM835,666,800 in operating expenditure to the Human Resources Ministry through a voice vote.

The current Dewan Rakyat will sit until December 16. – Bernama, December 1, 2021

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