

Population census on for next six weeks

KUALA LUMPUR: The fifth national population census has begun with enumerators making a special effort last night to seek out homeless people in several cities.

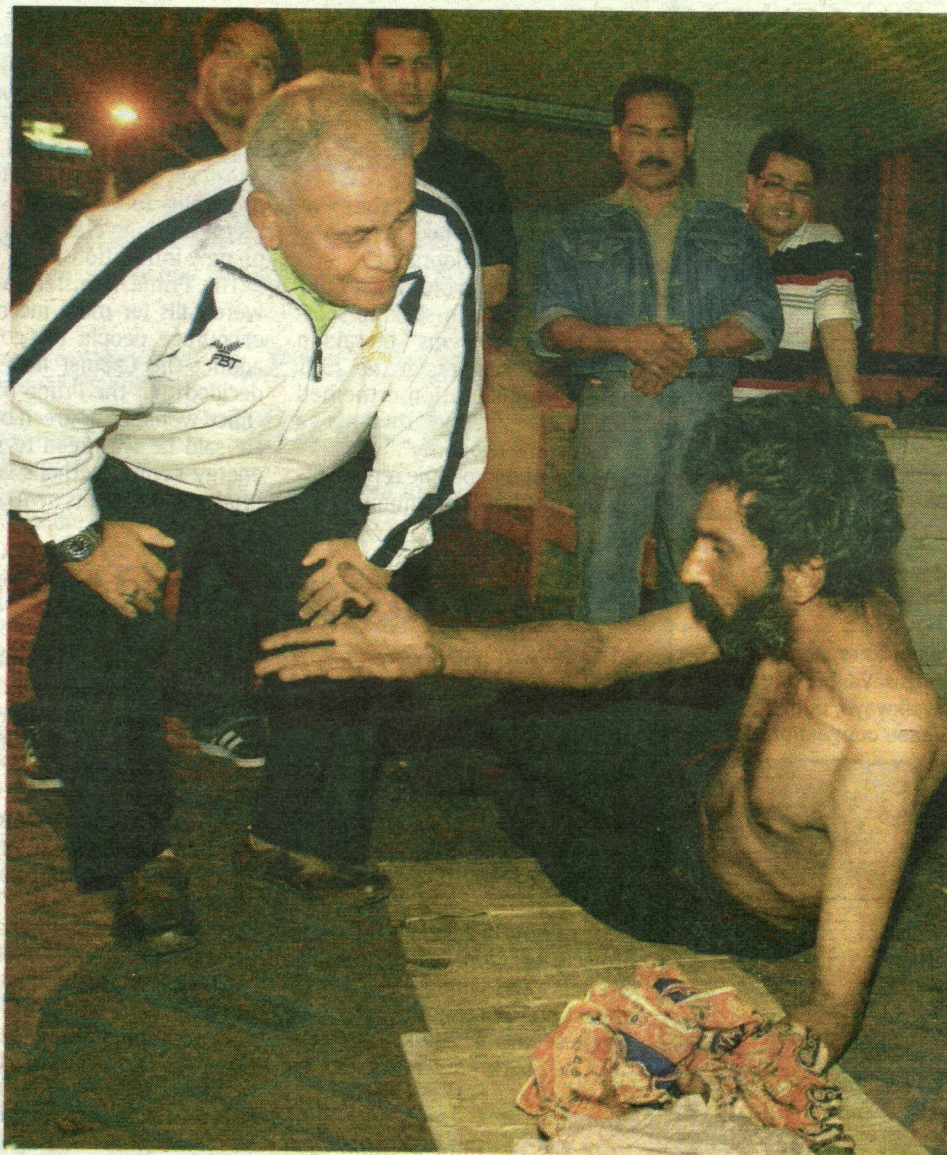
During the six-week period (July 6 to Aug 22), 29,000 enumerators will visit an estimated 7.5 million homes to collect data that is vital for the planning and implementation of government policies.

Other developments:

> **CHIEF** Statistician Datuk Wan Ramlah Wan Abdul Raof said under normal circumstances only one enumerator would visit a residence at a time. If there is more than one officer approaching the household, residents can call the department hotline at 1-800-88-7828 for verification; and

> **RESPONDENTS** can also opt to provide their particulars using the e-Census form by visiting <http://www.statistics.gov.my>. Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Sidek Hassan, who took only 10 minutes to fill the e-Census form, calls on the public to utilise the Government's e-services.

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Street count

Federal Territories and Welfare Ministry secretary-general for Planning and Development Datuk Bakaruddin Othman listening to a homeless man during the census to survey the homeless population living in Kuala Lumpur last night. — **CHAN TAK KONG / The Star**