

S'gor committee to safeguard Orang Asli rights

SHAH ALAM: A permanent committee on matters pertaining to the well-being of the Orang Asli community has been set up by the state government to ensure more focused development for them, says Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Amirudin Shari.

The committee was set up last week at the behest of Selangor Ruler Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who wanted better protection for the Orang Asli community in the state.

"Exco Hee Loy Sian will chair the permanent committee starting next year. An allocation to this committee will also be made available next year," Amirudin told reporters after attending the Selangor government departments' monthly assembly here yesterday.

On Nov 3, Sultan Sharafuddin said he wanted the Federal and state governments to review the declining amount of allocation channelled to the Orang Asli Development Department since 2017.

He also hoped that the Orang Asli's interests would be continuously protected with a focus on basic development. — Bernama