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EXPANDING SYSTEM

MORE DEVICES TO DETECT LANDSLIDES

Digital early-warning system to be installed at high-risk areas, says minister

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MORE early-warning systems will be installed at high-risk areas in the country to detect landslides.

Energy and Natural Resources Minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan said the devices would help prevent landslides, like the one at Federal Route 185 near Cameron Highlands recently.

"The Federal Government, especially the agencies under my ministry, such as the Mineral and Geoscience Department, have been monitoring the situation closely, particularly the high-risk areas for landslides.

"Possible slope or soil movement due to heavy rain can trigger a landslide.

"As a precaution, the government will instal more digital landslide early-warning systems at areas identified as potential landslide sites," he said after presenting donations to 76 excellent students at a hotel here yesterday.

Apart from high-risk areas and the highlands, Takiyuddin said the systems would also be installed at unoccupied areas.

"So far, the devices have been installed in several states, such as Kedah and Sabah.

"This is part of the government's proactive efforts to tackle the issue. Others include campaigns to create public awareness on the matter," he added.

Takiyuddin said the authorities would monitor the landslide risk.

Last Thursday, a landslide occurred at KM27 of Jalan Simpang Pulai-Blue Valley in Cameron Highlands, killing vegetable lorry driver Muhammad Hafiz Hamdi, 31, and multi-purpose vehicle driver Tan Chee Heng, 36.