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Kg Chubadak Tambahan folk want govt to honour promise of land titles

A GROUP representing Kampung Chubadak Tambahan villagers in Sentul Pasar, Kuala Lumpur, are demanding fairer compensation for the loss of their homes after the land where they have been residing, has been sold for development.

They want the government to honour its promise to them to grant individual land titles to the villagers affected.

The group, called Jawatankuasa Halatuju Kampung Chubadak Tambahan, presented a memorandum to Federal Territories Minister Tan Sri Annuar Musa in urging him to look into their plight.

The committee claimed to represent some 190 residents, many of whose families had lived in the village for three generations.

“In August 1962, the then Selangor government approved the granting of Lot 3912 in Mukim Setapak to the villagers and this was agreed to by the Federal Territories Land Working Committee in January 1976,” said committee secretary Mohamad Asraf Hamzah.

“Kampung Chubadak Tambahan was located on Lot 3912, which measured 46.1ha then. It was changed to Lot 17832 when the land became a part of Kuala Lumpur.

“The land was eventually sold to



Annuar (right) listening to Mohamad Asraf (in blue shirt) who is highlighting Kampung Chubadak Tambahan villagers' plight. —SS KANESAN/ The Star

a developer in 1990. “Of the 46.1ha, 36.4ha was used for development projects, but the remaining 9.7ha should have been returned to the villagers.”

Mohamad Asraf claimed that the landowner was supposed to build low-cost flats as compensation to the villagers, but instead built PPR flats under a rent-to-own scheme and offered RM8,000 in compensation to each family.

“This is unfair to us. We are the original settlers in this village and have been residing here for at least three generations,” said committee treasurer Intan Noraida Abdul Rahman.

“The government had promised to grant the village its own land title.

“But under the rent-to-own scheme, we have to wait another two decades before we can own

our own home. “We would be required to pay RM255 in monthly instalments for a unit in PPR Sentul Murni.

But even then, we were not given assurance that we would be able to own the unit after 20 years.”

Mohamad Asraf said the committee wanted the government to honour its promise and grant individual land titles as per the origi-

nal agreement in 1976. “If the government is unable to fulfil that, there is another option, that each of the 190 affected families be granted a replacement house as well as individual ownership of that property,” he said.

“The replacement should be an apartment of between 111.5sq m to 130sq m in size. Each family should also receive RM50,000 in compensation.”

Mohamad Asraf said a copy of the memorandum would also be handed to Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin.

Annuar, who accepted the memorandum, said he could only listen and empathise with the villagers as their issue came under the Housing and Local Government Ministry's purview.

“The villagers have every right to voice their grievances,” Annuar said after the memorandum hand-over at Menara DBKL, Kuala Lumpur.

StarMetro has reached out to Zuraida's office, but as of press time, no statement has been issued on the matter.