

DBKL summons meeting to seek cause of water leaks in PPR

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) has summoned a meeting with the developer and contractor of the people's housing project (PPR) in Seri Aman, Kepong, to discuss the building's water leakage problem.

DBKL project implementation executive director Datuk Azmi Abdul Hamid told *StarMetro* that the meeting would touch on all aspects of the problem, including legal issues.

"The Defect Liability Period (DLP) has expired, so we need to see who is responsible for repairs as well as address the issues at the units that were sold to residents.

"The contractors have to investigate what happened and why the piping system within the units is leaking," Azmi said.

Recently, Azmi and Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah visited Seri Aman PPR to address the matters at the affected units following a news report that about 100 units were facing a serious water leakage problem.

However, Azmi and Mahadi did not enter the respective units to inspect the defects.

StarMetro reported that water was leaking from the walls and from beneath floor tiles, and mould and mildew as well as foul stench were some of the problems inflicting residents at the flats.

The four-block Seri Aman PPR is one of the newer people's housing projects that was built in the city to house former squatters from Jinjang Utara.

"This is not a DBKL project, we only took over when it was handed



Mahadi (second from left) and Azmi (right) outside Seri Aman PPR in Kepong.

to us.

"This is a project under the Housing and Local Government Ministry and the developer was appointed by the ministry," he said.

The 1,600-unit Seri Aman PPR was built at a cost of RM215mil.

The project was completed in 2017, and residents moved in batches in 2018.

The DLP expired in 2019.

However, complaints of various issues, including shoddy waterproofing in toilets, were highlighted by the residents after moving in.

This prompted Batu MP P. Prabakaran to send a memorandum to the Federal Territories and Housing and Local Government ministries to discuss the leakage problems.

Prabakaran said he would bring the matter up in Parliament and called for the setting up of a special committee to oversee the construction of housing projects to ensure the work was up to par.

National House Buyers Association (HBA) secretary-general Datuk Chang Kim Loong advised Seri Aman PPR residents to seek legal redress, even if the DLP had expired.

He said it was possible to do this now since Parliament had recently amended the law on latent defects, by extending the DLP period for up to 15 years.

"Now property owners can take up issues against the landowner and developer beyond the DLP period," he concluded.