

WORK TO BEAUTIFY SQUARE

'Instant' trees planted at Selangor Club padang

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WORK has started to beautify the Merdeka Square at the Selangor Club Padang with the planting of "instant" Royal Palm trees.

Ten such trees have been planted around the square — three early this morning — and another four in the next few days.

City Hall Director-General Haji Noordin Haji Abdul Razak said: "Transplanting is carried out late at night and in the early hours of the morning so as not to cause traffic congestion as the trees are transported by trailers."

He was at the site last night to supervise the transplanting of the palm trees from Jalan Tun Razak. Fifteen workers were involved using an excavator and a crane.

Next to follow is a massive landscaping programme at the padang in the next month. This includes returning the field.

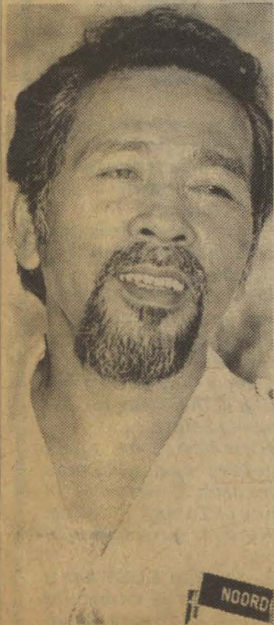
Haji Noordin said work to beautify the square will be carried out in several stages designed to be completed by August.

The underground car park at the padang, now 65 per cent completed, is expected to cost about \$15 million while another \$5 million will be spent on the Merdeka Square.

The whole project is expected to be completed in time for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting scheduled for November.

The commercial area of the project, totalling about 60,000 sq ft, will have a fast-food outlet, a modern hawkers centre, a restaurant and 50 shoplots.

A 100m flagpole is also expected to be put up at the field. It will be the tallest flagpole in the world.



Haji Noordin: Work to be completed by August



HEAVE HO: City Hall workers transplanting a Royal Palm tree late last night