

# 'Over 1,600 cars abandoned at KL public housing projects'

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THERE are 1,634 abandoned cars in public housing projects across Kuala Lumpur, says Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

She said the vehicles could only be removed upon clearance by the relevant authorities.

"The abandoned cars are in 64 people's housing project (PPR) and public housing (PA) across the city.

"Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) can only remove these vehicles after undergoing several processes, such as checking with the police to ensure the

abandoned car is not used for criminal activities," she said, adding that 447 cars had been identified for immediate removal.

Dr Zaliha was speaking after the launch of "Program Kesejahteraan PA/ PPR – Projek Quick Win" in PA Seri Kota, Bandar Tun Razak.

The programme, which is ongoing until the end of the year, focuses on four elements – cleanliness, beauty, greenery and safety.

The four public housing projects involved in the programme over the weekend were PA Seri Kota, PPR Kg Muhibbah (Bukit Jalil), PPR Hiliran Ampang (Ampang) and

PPR Taman Wahyu.

"Some of the activities that will be carried out under this programme are tree pruning, tree planting, removing abandoned vehicles and *gotong-royong*," said Dr Zaliha.

According to the Statistics Department of Malaysia, 450,000 out of Kuala Lumpur's 1.6 million population reside in PA and PPR, which means about a quarter of the city's residents live in public housing projects, she added.

"Although these areas have to deal with issues such as vandalism, social problems and crime, the living environment should be made as conducive as possible," she said.



Dr Zaliha (in grey headscarf) and Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh (in cap) planting a tree during the event at PA Seri Kota, Bandar Tun Razak. — LOW BOON TAT/The Star