

REDEVELOPMENT

Johari: No more delay for Kg Sg Baru project

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim agreed that the Kampung Sungai Baru redevelopment project should not be delayed any more after being on hold for almost six years.

Titiwangsa member of Parliament Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani said he was informed about this last month.

The development of Kampung Sungai Baru, said Johari, had been stalled after five per cent of the homeowners in the area did not move out, whereas the rest had done so and were waiting for new houses from the developer.

Johari said apartment owners who did not agree to move out, were in the process of resolving issues regarding compensation in court.

"The extension given by the Prime Minister's Office was only until Oct 31. There will be no further extensions.

"If the residents want to get a little more (compensation from the developer) there's no problem, they can settle it in court.

"I have instructed Kuala Lumpur City Hall to make the necessary coordination and ar-

rangement for the Kampung Sungai Baru residents who have no place to stay."

Johari criticised the developer for not getting the consensus of all residents before commencing the project.

"The issue with the developer is that it made a mistake in this redevelopment project.

"It told everyone to move even though it didn't get 100 per cent approval (from the residents).

"The developer should have waited for it (full approval) first, but it had instead moved people out at that point.

"We want the developer to complete this project immediately," he said after handing out Deepavali donations to 700 Indian families in his Titiwangsa parliamentary constituency in Taman Maluri here yesterday.

Last February, residents of Kampung Sungai Baru asked the government to cancel the postponement of the development project in the area as announced by the prime minister.

A majority of them want the redevelopment of the area, which has been delayed for about six years, to continue.