Cabinet to discuss damages for family

KUALA LUMPUR: A proposal to compensate the family of the Indian national, who fell into the sinkhole in Jalan Masjid India, will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, says Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

The Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) told reporters after the closing ceremony and awards presentation of the 2024 Royal Floria Putrajaya yesterday.

Vijayalaksmi, a 48-year-old tourist from Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, fell into the 8m-deep sinkhole on Aug 23.

Meanwhile, Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Dr Maimunah Mohd Sharif said all planning permission applications for construction in the capital must include a geotechnical report prepared by a certified consultant, Bernama reported.

"This requirement applies to applications that have already been approved but for which a development order has not yet been issued, as well as to those currently in process and those yet to be submitted.

"This measure is effective immediately," she said.

When asked about the framework for the remediation process of the sinkhole, which is expected to take between three and six months, Maimunah said it would involve integrity audits, inspections on the water supply drainage systems by Syarikat Bekalan Air Selangor and geological stability studies.

"That's why it will take three to six months, as we need a detailed study from the entrance of Kampung Baru to Mydin," she said.

Maimunah advised the public to adhere to instructions and cooperate with the City Hall during the repair works in the affected areas.