

Report did not state 'cause of incident'

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KUALA LUMPUR: City Hall has rejected the report submitted by developer Kenanga Wholesale City Sdn Bhd on Saturday's road cave-in at Lorong Gelugor near Jalan San Peng.

Instead, the developer has been told to submit a more detailed report by today.

City Hall had rejected the report submitted by the developer on Monday as the local authority had found it to be too general in stating the cause of the incident.

Mayor Datuk Ahmad Fuad Ismail said in a press conference yesterday that the report had merely stated that the 6.30pm incident on Saturday had happened due to a 30-year-old water pipe which had burst.

"We cannot accept the report because it is not detailed and does not state the cause of the incident. We feel that if the cause of the incident is given, it will be difficult to come up with a good solution to the problem," he said.

The call for a detailed report came after City Hall engineering department officers, who



Datuk Ahmad Fuad Ismail says City Hall is not convinced that the area is safe

paid a visit to the site, found the metal bars in the contiguous bored pile wall built at the boundary of the development broken.

Under normal circumstances, if a similar incident had happened, the metal bars, which act as a support, should have either collapsed or become crooked and not broken.

The report by the developer will be studied by an independent consultant appointed

by City Hall and it would also be given to Federal Territories Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin.

The developer is also required to submit another report in 10 days on the whole project, including the specifications and designs of the building.

Fuad said should the developer's consultant not cooperate in producing the report, City Hall would advise Kenanga Wholesale City Sdn Bhd to engage the services of another consultant.

Another option considered by City Hall is to ask for the Board of Engineers Malaysia to take action against the consultant.

Fuad said although the developer's consultant had declared that the area was safe, City Hall was not convinced.

He said the 10 families who were living at the City Hall quarters had been offered places to stay and they would be able to move in anytime.

"Eight will be placed at the nearby Seri Selangor flats while two more at the Pantai Ria flats. We are leaving it to the Public Works Department to decide where to accommodate their staff," he said.



The developer will submit a report on the cave-in, which will be studied by an independent consultant appointed by City Hall.