



RAIAPPAN: At a loss as to what to do

Damansara 21 go ahead angers residents

MEDAN Damansara residents are upset with Kuala Lumpur City Hall for lifting the stop-work order against SDB Properties Sdn Bhd's controversial Damansara 21 luxury bungalow project.

"It seems only a fatal incident will force the authorities to seriously consider halting the project," Residents' Association secretary Peter Raiappan said.

"We feel we've been shot in the back.

"It's shocking how swiftly City Hall responded to the developer's application to lift the stop-work order, but has left us with so many unanswered questions. If City Hall thinks SDB has rights, so do we. But it doesn't look like the rights of the residents are safeguarded."

Mayor Datuk Ab Hakim Borhan announced on Wednesday that SDB could resume work on the project.

"We met the developer last week, and all safety aspects have been met," he said, adding that City Hall would continue to monitor the development.

The RA has lodged a report with ACA against City Hall for approving the project.

"We cannot halt development unless there is a court order to do so," Ab Hakim said.

SDB Properties said in a statement that "all conditions will be complied with". A company spokesman said work on a rubble wall, to prevent another landslip, such as the one that affected a house on Lorong Setiapersada 1, had been completed.

Its managing director Teh Dip Kim said Damansara 21 would add value to real estate prices and to the aesthetics of the surrounding area.