

# Kg Jinjang in way of new road

CITY Hall says the demolition of 17 houses in Kampung Jinjang Selatan Tambahan was to ensure the completion of a short stretch of road to connect Jalan Kepong with Jalan Segambut.

Mayor Datuk Ahmad Fuad Ismail said the 17 houses were classified as illegal as they no longer held temporary occupation licence since 1997.

"We have held many dialogue sessions with the residents. They had agreed in the past to move into their new flats at PPR Batu Muda on June 8, but some later changed their mind.

"We took action against them so that we could build the missing link between the Kepong area with Segambut. The only part that is not completed is a 300m stretch."

He said RM26.6 million had been allocated by the Federal government for the road under the Ninth Malaysian Plan.

Ahmad Fuad added that 225 other households in Kampung Benteng and Kampung Sungai Udang had been earlier relocated to the same Batu PPR flats to make way for the road development.

"Our dilemma is that the road cannot be completed because of these 17 houses. Why do we tell the 225 households who had moved if we were to treat the residents of these 17 houses differently?" Ahmad Fuad asked.

A commotion broke out on Monday at Kampung Jinjang Selatan



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Tambahan when City Hall enforcement officers came to demolish the houses.

Residents claimed they were not squatters and had tried until the eleventh hour to get the authorities to award them with higher compensation to move out.

Ahmad Fuad added that further enforcement action would be taken against squatters in the city to meet with the zero-squatters policy by year end.

"The squatters will be offered PPR flats. We were supposed to meet the zero-squatter policy target in 2005 but we are four years behind time. We hope to reach this target by the end of the year."