

RM70m unpaid rent: Kuala Lumpur mayor

KUALA LUMPUR: The total amount of unpaid rent for the People's Housing Project and Public Housing under the purview of Kuala Lumpur City Hall has reached RM70 million, said mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

She said the arrears were affecting the maintenance and management of facilities for communities in areas under City Hall supervision.

She also said City Hall has taken several steps to deal with the arrears, such as cutting off water supply, issuing notices, holding financial advocacy programmes and offering tenants an instalment payment plan.

"This initiative is vital so that the rent collected can be used to provide better services for residents," she said at the Safe City Community Wellbeing Programme here on Sunday.

Maimunah added that City Hall was considering offering People's Housing Project and Public Housing units for sale to tenants who could afford to purchase them.

"There was a decision in 2015 to suspend (the sale) but I have since reviewed the decision and if the tenants are financially capable, we can consider selling the units."

During the programme, she also addressed issues concerning waste management, traffic congestion and drug abuse. – Bernama