

Selangor govt's lack of action on land status sparks anger

THE Selangor government's lack of action to convert leasehold land in Section 1 to 16, Petaling Jaya, to freehold status has angered the affected residents.

Residents Association 5 Petaling Jaya (RA5) president Mohamed Rafiq Fazaldin said the extension for leasehold properties was not a solution and would not solve the problem.

"Many of us are not receptive to extending the leasehold by paying RM1,000. There are just too many loopholes in it," he said.

Mohamed Rafiq said since 1903, the land in Petaling Jaya had been classified as freehold. However, due to a series of errors and omissions, several areas within Petaling Jaya had been redesignated incorrectly to leasehold.

He said if they were to take up the extension offer, they could not refinance or sell their properties.

Some 500,000 residents are affected by the problem and Rafiq said their stand from the start was reconversion of land status.

"Redesignate the titles back to freehold. This has been done before so why can't it be done for us?" he asked.

In December last year, Deputy Speaker Haniza Talha, after a meeting at the MBPJ civic centre with MBPJ councillors, had promised to bring up the issue with Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalid Ibrahim but until now, nothing has transpired.

Mohamed Rafiq said he had received a letter stating that the issue was being reviewed by the Selangor legal adviser.