

Heated debate over

Bahan asal dari Arkib

a DAP resolution

MALACCA, Wed. - A heated argument broke out in the State Assembly today during debate on a DAP resolution calling for rejection of all land applications from Assemblymen, their wives, families and companies.

At one point the Speaker, Datuk Haji Abdul Aziz Tapa, had to remind members to respect the dignity of the House.

He made the admonition when Chief Minister

Adib Adam, Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang and independent member Chan Tek Chan all rose and argued with one another.

The resolution had been tabled by Mr Bernard Sta Maria (DAP-Bandar Hilir) and supported by Mr Lim (DAP-Kubu).

In supporting the motion, Mr Lim spoke about the involvement of Mr Chan's wife in Walton Sdn. Bhd., a housing company developing a 31-acre site

in Taman Tun Perak at Malim Jaya.

Mr Lim said that Mr Chan's wife, Madam Goh Ah Kee, was a founder director of the company set up in August 1919 with a capital of \$100,000.

The housing project was approved by the State Economic Development Corporation on March 12 last year. Ten days later, Madam Goh was appointed managing director of the company.

Mr Lim accused Encik Adib of trying to cover up this fact when the matter was raised in the Assembly yesterday.

Encik Adib then rose and explained he did not know about Madam Goh's involvement in the company and that the corporation did not interview a woman when approving the project.

Then Mr Chan rose and alleged that Encik Adib and Mr Lim had collaborated to turn the matter into a controversy to damage his image.

He also said he was puzzled as to why Mr Sta Maria had presented such a motion when Mr Sta Maria himself had financial interests in a housing project.

Mr Sta Maria's motion urged the State Government to introduce a statute or enactment to protect the interest of residents from scheming housing developers and land owners.

He said that the limited land in the State had caused the developers to maximise their profits by entering into joint agreements with the land owners to get the residents to move out.

Mr Sta Maria suggested that the land owners set aside a special lot and build low cost houses or flats for the residents.

He also proposed that the State Government should prevent conflict between the land owners and the residents when such a situation arose.

He cited a case in Kampong Bandar Hilir where

claimed that the residents had been victimised by the land owners and housing developers.

The developers and land owners had blocked up the whole area causing flooding of the houses. The residents finally moved out because of this "dirty trick," he said.

The Assembly, however, rejected the motion by 15-3. It also rejected another motion presented by Mr Sta Maria asking the Assembly to set up a committee to look into the water problems in the State.

Political abuse in land approval: Lim

OPPOSITION leader Lim Kit Siang has alleged that there were "political abuses" in approval of a land deal involving the wife of the independent Assemblyman for Tranquerah, Mr Chan Teck Chan.

Mr Lim also alleged there had been "grass abuses" in a land deal involving "Umno leaders" and the Chief Minister, Encik Adib Adam.

Mr Lim made his allegations when seconding a motion by Mr Bernard Sta Maria (DAP-Bandar Hilir) on land deals involving State Assembly members, their wives, immediate families or companies in which they are involved.

And he hit out Mr Chan Teck Chan for allegedly lying to the Assembly on Tuesday.

Mr Lim said Mr Chan had "deliberately lied in claiming that his wife Madam Goh Ah Kee alias Goh Luan Eng, had resigned as a director of the housing company Walton Sdn Bhd before it was given 31.25 acres of land for a housing project.

Mr Lim said: "In fact, 10 days after the approval (of the land) by the SEDC, Madam Goh was appointed managing director of the company board meet-

ing on March 22 last year".

He said Mr Chan should be referred to the Privileges Committee.

Mr Chan repeatedly interrupted Mr Lim during his speech and called him "pembongong besar" (big liar).

Mr Lim added that there should be no cause for people to suspect that there could be conflicts of interest between public duty and personal interests of State Assemblymen.

He produced documents which he said were the records of Walton Sdn Bhd from the Registry of Companies to prove his allegations that Mr Chan was lying.

He said that the company had been incorporated on Aug. 8, 1979 as a construction and trading company with an initial share capital of 100,000 shares at \$1 each.

He said the original directors were Mr Tung Kam Ean (businessman), Mr Wong Su Cjong (businessman), Madam Goh Ah Kee alias Goh Luan Eng (housewife) and Madam Tong Kwi Yin (businesswoman) — all from Malacca.

Mr Lim said that 10 days after the SEDC ap-

proved 31.25 acres in Malim Jaya for the company, Madam Goh was appointed its managing director at a board meeting on March 22 last year.

Mr Lim said he believed the company is planning to sell off its property to a group of financiers.

He said this would be "political abuse" and asked the State Government to withdraw the land alienated to the company.

Mr Lim also alleged that previously, the State Government had sold 3,300 acres of land to a "group of proxies" of an Umno leader at "the dirt cheap price of \$33,000." He said the company concerned in this deal was Sri Lingga Sdn Bhd.

Mr Lim alleged that former Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Ghani Ali, who approved the project, now "owns directly or through proxies easily \$1 million of the \$2.5 million shares in Syarikat Sri Lingga, whose property is now valued at \$20 million."

"These are gross abuses and they must be stopped," he said.

The motion was later thrown out.