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DEVELOPER WHO DENUDED HILL TO BE INVESTIGATED

KUALA LUMPUR, March 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has directed an investigation into a development project which has denuded and flattened a hill in Selangor.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said today Dr Mahathir, during a helicopter ride, came across the site last week and had directed the ministry to investigate.

"Action can be taken against the developer under the Town and Country Planning Act and the Environmental Quality Act," he told reporters after launching the Jade San Lembah Jati housing and golf resort at the Kuala Lumpur Tower here.

Dr Ting, however, did not mention the location of the affected project site.

He said the issue was discussed at the Cabinet meeting last week and would be referred to the Selangor government because land matters were under the state government jurisdiction. -- BERNAMA

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