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#### Fund set up to buy unsold houses

SHAH ALAM, Mon. - The Selangor Government plans to set up a special fund to buy unsold houses and other properties set aside for Bumiputeras.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said the initial grant for the fund would either be provided by the State Government or Kumpulan Darul Ehasa Bhd, the holding company for all the State Government's companies.

The setting up of the fund was one of the 111 resolutions passed unanimously during the ninth Selangor Umno Convention yesterday.

"The State Government and KDEB will discuss in detail about the term of references for the fund soon.

"Basically, we want to set up a fund that can buy unsold properties designated for Bumiputeras like houses, factory buildings or shoplots," he said after attending a briefing by KDEB acting president Datuk Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof at Plaza Perangsang, near here, today.

The move, he said, was to ensure that properties designated for Bumiputeras which were sold at discounted prices would remain as such and could be utilised by Bumiputeras.

How the manager of the fund would dispose of the properties in a manner that would benefit the Bumiputeras without burdening its financial standing would be discussed later, he added.

Abu Hassan, who is also the Selangor Umno liaison committee chairman, said he would also act on other resolutions passed at the convention and called for the party polls be postponed until after the general election.

He said he would hand over the resolution to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and the supreme council soon.

Explaining the rationale of the resolution, Abu Hassan said such a move would give more time to party members to put their efforts in nation building without being hampered by campaigning.

"By passing the resolution, Selangor Umno also hopes that it will give more time to the party to cleanse it of money politics."

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