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Malacca to allow non-Bumis to buy Bumi units

MALACCA, Thurs. - The State Government has agreed to let non-Bumiputeras buy completed but unsold Bumiputera-quota houses in line with the month-long House Ownership campaign.

In announcing this, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said the State Government had decided to adopt the Federal Government's directive as announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Dec 12 at the launching of the campaign.

"However, the State Government would also like to warn the developers to be responsible and not turn away potential Bumiputera housebuyers who plan to purchase the Bumiputera lots.

"The developers should not be out to make profit by merely preferring to sell the Bumiputera allotted lots to the non-Bumiputeras because of the lower discounted rate," he said after chairing the weekly State Exco meeting.

Abu Zahar said the Land and Mines Department had been directed to monitor the situation to ensure developers do not turn away potential Bumiputera housebuyers.

The developers, he said could also inquire with the department should they have any queries over this decision, as the State Government would not issue a formal black and white letter on the matter.

The Chief Minister said the implementation of this policy starts Dec 12 and would last until Jan 12.

CH Williams Talhar and Wong general manager here, Foo Gee Jee said 800 Bumiputera quota houses remained unsold.

The State Government had previously required all developers to allocate 30 per cent of their houses under the Bumiputera quota scheme.

The Chief Minister said the State would also adopt the same requirements as with the Federal Government's on foreigners wanting to purchase houses.

"The foreigners need not gain approval from the foreign investment committee but, merely inform them," he said.

Asked to comment on the findings of the Pulau Besar incident last Oct 19 which resulted in 15 deaths, Abu Zahar said the probe had been completed by the committee chaired by the State Secretary Datuk Wira Abdul Aziz Omar however, it had yet to be submitted to the State Exco.

"Probably, we would announce the findings after Jan 2," he said.

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