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EXPLAIN S&P AGREEMENTS TO PROPERTY BUYERS, LAWYERS TOLD

KAJANG, Jan 23 (Bernama) -- Lawyers handling sales and purchase agreements of houses or properties have been asked to explain to their clients the salient conditions stipulated in the agreements to avert confusion in future.

Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Dr Ting Chew Peh said the move was crucial to enable buyers to clearly understand provisions in the agreements.

He said there were buyers who placed full trust on their lawyers and signed the agreements without knowing the details.

Lawyers and property purchasers must take this matter seriously as the ministry was concerned over the problem, he told reporters when asked to comment on a report that a developer was demanding additional payment from some 900 apartment owners in Paya Terubong, Pulau Pinang for an extra one square metre of built-up area in their units six years after they moved in.

The owners of Desa Permata have been asked to pay about RM1,000 each for the difference in the built-up area, which was stated as 64 square metres in the strata title, but 63 square metres in their sales and purchase agreements.

Ting said the matter must be referred to the lawyer who handled the sales and purchase agreement for the property.

Earlier, speaking at the launch of the second phase of the Anggerik Villa apartment project, near here, he said there was a big demand for medium and medium high-cost houses costing below RM150,000 during the one-month Home Ownership Campaign which ended on Jan 12.

A total of 14,452 residential and commercial units worth RM3.792 billion were sold during the campaign, the bulk of which were residential homes below RM150,000, he said.

The campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Dec 12 also revealed that the people were more conscious of their rights.

This was evident from the numerous enquiries received from the public by the ministry during the month-long campaign, he added.

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