

PM's name used in bid to have cemeteries relocated: MP

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Many different tactics, including using the Prime Minister's name, have been used to persuade religious associations to remove cemeteries along Jalan Sungai Besi and Jalan Loke Yew, said Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP-Kepong).

Tan said the 202ha in the area provided burial grounds for people of various races, religions and ethnic backgrounds, including Sikh, Hin-

du, Buddhist, Sinhala, Catholic, Japanese, Kwangsai, Kwang Tung and Hokkien.

He said Pribena Construction Sdn Bhd had declared that it had signed an agreement on April 20, 1998, with the government, to remove and relocate all existing graves and remains from the burial ground to Hulu Semenyih in Hulu Langat.

"In this issue, the opinions

of the public should be taken into account before the government takes any action.

"Respect and tolerance among the races must always be in play," said Tan in his debate on the Supplementary Supply (2000) Bill.

Tan was speaking on behalf of representatives of the Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth wing and Selangor Chinese Associations Election

existing location.

About 20 representatives waited outside the hall in Parliament to distribute questionnaires to the MPs on the relocation of the burial grounds.

An invitation to visit the site was also extended by the Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall Youth wing and Selangor Chinese Associations Election Petition Committee.