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Majority vote for FT Bill

reports on "Selangor State Assembly" by Annie Freeda Cruetz  
THE State Assembly yesterday passed the Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya Enactment 2000 with more than two-thirds of the assemblymen voting in favour of the Bill.

Forty-one of the 42 Barisan Nasional State Assemblymen voted in favour of the Enactment while six opposition members staged a walkout.

Permatang Assemblyman Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar was not present as he had applied for leave.

In winding up the debate, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohd Khir Toyo said the agreement to make the 4,930ha Putrajaya a Federal Territory on Nov 7 was not signed in haste but after months of consultations and discussions.

The agreement was signed by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah for the Federal Government and the Regent of Selangor Tengku Idris Shah for the State on Nov 7 at Istana Negara.

It was witnessed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Dr Mohd Khir.

Under the agreement, Selangor will receive RM200 million cash and RM7.5 million a year for an indefinite period from the Federal Government.

The Federal Government will hand over to the State 10.6ha of Federal-owned land in Morib and increase the number of Selangor representatives in the Putrajaya Corporation Board of Directors to two from one at present.

On the issue of RM200 million compensation for land in Putrajaya which was raised by Datuk Dr Hassan Mohamed Ali (Pas-Sungai Burong), Dr Mohd Khir said owners of land which was taken by the Federal Government for the development of Putrajaya were compensated RM753.2 million based on the market price. It was also in accordance with the formula stipulated under the Land Acquisition Act 1960.

As for State-owned land taken to develop Putrajaya, he said RM62.3 million was given as premium payment.

Dr Mohd Khir explained that the RM200 million cash was given as a pembayaran saguhati (token) in addition to the RM7.5 million a year.

This meant that the Sepang District Council would no longer collect quit rent which amounted to about RM7 million a year, he added.

On another issue about assessment raised by Dr Hassan, Dr Mohd Khir said the functions of the local council were now "assigned" to Putrajaya Corporation as per agreement signed on July 20, 1995.

"I want to make it very clear that the Putrajaya land area is 4,930ha or 10,848 acres and not as reported in some newspapers," he added.

Later at a Press conference, Dr Mohd Khir said the two Bills passed yesterday - Supply Bill 2001 and Civil List (Amendment) Bill 2000 - would be presented to the Regent of Selangor together with the Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya Enactment 2000 for endorsement so that they could be gazetted and published.

The House adjourned sine die.

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