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Selangor to review its housing policies

THE Selangor State Government will be reviewing its housing policies to ensure the State's continued sosio-economic growth and active property development activities.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohamad Khir Toyo said the State Government would identify weaknesses and review policies that are deemed outdated.

He said this was in line with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call to check on rapid development and overbuilding, which had resulted in problems such as flash floods and congestion.

Khir said many development plans had not taken into consideration the need for amenities such as recreational areas, suraus, mosques and community centres.

This had resulted in many residential developments being unsuitable for occupation.

"As a result, house buyers have accused the State Government of being inefficient and failing to fulfill its responsibilities."

Khir said the lack of uniformity in development had caused many developers to focus on high-end housing.

"When the high-end houses could not be sold the government was blamed."

Khir added that commercial and industrial properties being built were not targeted at meeting the needs of small and medium industries, and the units built were not within the means of Bumiputera entrepreneurs.

He warned that the State Government would take action against errant developers that exploit buyers with promises of attractive packages but deliver houses with shoddy workmanship.

Khir was speaking at the opening ceremony of the Shah-Alam-Batu Arang road and the launch of U-Wood Holdings Bhd's Resak apartments at Bandar Puncak Perdana in Shah Alam. When completed the road will provide easy access between Bukit Raja and Ijok in Kuala Selangor.

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