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No backlog in issuance of CF to houses in Putrajaya: Azizan

THERE is no backlog in the issuance of certificates of fitness (CF) to residential units in Putrajaya, Perbadanan Putrajaya chairman and president Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin said.

He said it is unfair to blame Perbadanan Putrajaya for the late issuance of CF to the residential units in the new administrative capital.

"In fact, the corporation has already issued the CF to most of the more than 5,000 units of completed residential houses in Putrajaya," he told newsmen after opening the three-day Asean Council on Petroleum (Ascope) conference in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had, during the Prime Minister's Department's Family Day last Saturday, expressed concern that many civil servants had not moved into their houses in Putrajaya despite the fact that their residential units had been completed.

In view of this, the Prime Minister had directed the relevant authorities to expedite the issuance of the CF.

Developers could be the cause of the problem, Azizan said in response to a claim that Perbadanan Putrajaya was responsible for the delay.

He said Perbadanan Putrajaya had issued the CF as fast as possible, with some cases within a mere two weeks.

"It was unfair on the part of the developers to blame us. If they have some problems in handing over the buildings, they should not have used this (the issuance of CF) as an excuse," he said.

Azizan said he shared the concern of the Prime Minister on seeing completed residential buildings in Putrajaya unoccupied.

"We, the Perbadanan, have been urging that once the buildings are completed, they should be occupied as soon as possible so that the number of people in Putrajaya is sufficiently big to turn the area into a dynamic city," he said.

Azizan also said he would be meeting Dr Mahathir as soon as possible to explain the true situation.

He provided the media with statistics to show that there was no backlog of cases involving the late issuance of CF in Putrajaya.

He said there are currently 5,295 completed residential units in Putrajaya comprising 25 bungalow lots, 310 link/terrace houses, 1,172 terrace houses and 3,788 apartments.

He said 4,854 of the completed houses had been issued with CF, while for 441 completed units the applications for their CF had not been submitted by three of the five developers involved in the construction of residential units in Putrajaya.

He declined to name the developers.

He also said 2,373 completed units which had been granted the CF were still unoccupied by the buyers.

"There appears to be some problems faced by the developers in handing over the completed units with CF to the purchasers. Perbadanan can't be blamed for the handing-over problem," he said.

Azizan also noted that a certain developer had not paid one of its subcontractors by claiming that payment could not be made because the CF had not been issued. "The developer is passing the buck to somebody else," he said.

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