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NO DELAY IN CF ISSUANCE, SAYS PERBADANAN PUTRAJAYA

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 5 (Bernama) -- Perbadanan Putrajaya today said that there was no delay in the issuance of certificate of fitness (CF) for residential properties in Putrajaya.

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

Its chairman and president, Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin said it was unfair to blame Perbadanan Putrajaya especially when there was no backlog in the CF issued for houses in the new administrative capital.

He stressed that Perbadanan Putrajaya was able to issue 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 told reporters after opening ASEAN Council On Petroleum (ASCOPE) Conference 2001 here today.

The CF issue was first highlighted by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who on Saturday had expressed concern that many civil servants had not moved into their houses in Putrajaya despite the fact that their residential units had been completed.

Speaking during the opening of the Prime Minister's Department family day, Dr Mahathir had told the relevant authorities in Putrajaya to expedite the issuance of the CF for houses.

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 make it a dynamic city," he added.

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

At the moment, there are 5,295 completed residential units in Putrajaya comprising 25 bungalow lots, 310 linked-terrace houses, 1,172 terrace houses and 3,788 apartments.

Azizan disclosed that 4,854 of the completed houses had been issued with CF while for 400 completed units, applications for their CFs had not been submitted by the five developers of residential units in Putrajaya.

He added that 2,373 completed units which had been granted CF, were not occupied.

"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 blame for the handing over problem," he said.

To a question, he said out of the five developers, three of them had failed to hand over the completed houses. But he declined to name them.

Azizan also noted that a certain developer had not paid one of its sub contractors 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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