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Putrajaya Corp not to blame for CF delay

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PUTRAJAYA Corporation said last Monday it was not delaying the issuance of certificates of fitness or CFs for houses in Putrajaya.

Its chairman and president Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin said as far as the local authority is concerned, there is no backlog in the issuance of CFs by it. Hence, it was unfair to blame the corporation for the "delay".

Developers for the residential units at the new administrative capital could be the cause, Zainul said, when responding to claims that Putrajaya Corporation was responsible for the delay.

"It is 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 CFs) as an excuse."

The corporation is able to issue CFs efficiently, with some cases being cleared within two weeks, Azizan told reporters after opening the Asean Council On Petroleum (ASCOPE) Conference 2001 in Kuala Lumpur last Monday.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last Saturday expressed sadness that many civil servants had not moved into Putrajaya although their houses had been completed.

Dr Mahathir had told the authorities in Putrajaya to expedite the issuance of CFs for residential properties there.

Azizan said he shared the Prime Minister's frustration of seeing completed residential buildings in Putrajaya being left unoccupied, and would meet Dr Mahathir soon to explain the actual situation.

"Putrajaya Corporation has been urging that once the buildings are completed, they should be occupied as soon as possible so that the population is sufficiently big to make Putrajaya a dynamic city."

Azizan said at the moment, there are 5,295 completed residential units in Putrajaya comprising 25 bungalows, 310 linked-terrace houses, 1,172 terrace houses and 3,788 apart-ments.

Of the 5,295 completed residential units, 4,854 have been issued with CFs. The CF applications for the remaining 441 completed units have not been submitted by three of the five developers.

Azizan added that 2,373 completed units that had been issued with CFs had yet to be occupied.

"There appear to be some problems faced by the developers in handing over the completed units with CF to the purchasers. Putrajaya Corporation can't be blamed for the handing over problem."

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 CFs had not been issued.

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