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Samy Vellu-Squatters

SQUATTER FAMILIES IN SENTUL PASAR IN DANGER OF LOSING HOMES

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- A total of 146 squatter families in Sentul Pasar here are in danger of losing their homes as the area is set to be developed by a private developer, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu said today.

"Some of them have been issued with eviction notices while others will get theirs later," he told reporters after a dialogue with the residents concerned at the St John's Church in Sentul.

The dialogue, attended by about 400 people, was organised by Wanita MIC.

Samy Vellu said the MIC would bring up the plight of the affected families with the government.

He said the 146 families were from Kampung Retna Pillai who had lived there since the 1950s.

The mostly Indian-Malaysian families comprised 422 people including 23 single mothers.

Their squatter homes are built on private land, near KTM tracks and below TNB cables.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said he would bring the matter to the attention of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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