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Condo project: Pahang to look into complaints

KUANTAN, Wed. - The Pahang Government has pledged to immediately look into the complaints of a group of Cameron Highlands residents over an ongoing condominium project.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said although he believed that the project complied with the Cabinet's guidelines on highland development, the residents' grouses deserved an investigation.

"We want to be sure and since there are complaints, the State Government will look into it," he said after chairing the State Executive Council meeting here today.

The New Straits Times reported today that the residents were worried that the condominium project might not be complying with the Cabinet's guidelines, especially since the developer had not displayed any information on it.

Following a Cabinet decision to allow five of eight projects, frozen over a year ago pending a study, to proceed in March, the residents are now determined to get the Government to reconsider future developments and stop further degradation of the ecosystem.

Adnan said he would ask district officer Haron Abdul Kader, who is also Cameron Highlands district council president, to submit a report on the project as soon as possible.

The Society for Regional Environmental Awareness Cameron Highlands (Reach) has also started a campaign to collect signatures to petition Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter.

Replying to a question, Adnan said the complaints did not necessarily indicate that the State Government was not monitoring development projects in environmentally sensitive areas.

He said once the projects were approved by the State Executive Council, they would go ahead under the supervision of the respective district authorities.