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Buyers of stalled projects taking developers to court

SOME buyers of the stalled Rhythm and Newgate Avenue service apartment projects in USJ, Subang Jaya are initiating legal action against the developers to reclaim their monies with interest.

The buyers met officials of the Consumers Association of Subang and Shah Alam, Selangor (Cassa) last Saturday to request further action by the association to protect their rights and interests in the matter.

The meeting, attended by 60 purchasers, was held at the project site.

Work on the Rhythm and Newgate Avenue projects in USJ19 and USJ21 had stopped for the last 11 months.

Cassa president Jacob George said the proposed legal action was expected to affect several parties.

George said the purchasers had decided they wanted their money back with interest as they had no confidence in the two developers, Sanjung Utama Sdn Bhd and Solarglow Sdn Bhd.

"In view of new developments, Cassa has been instructed to make several more police and Anti-Corruption Agency reports at Bukit Aman next week.

He said Cassa would also submit a memorandum on the plight of the purchasers to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi next week.

The meeting also marked the association's launch of the "Build and Sell Concept" campaign which aims to protect consumer interest.

George said the association planned to collect over one million signatures nationwide in support of the campaign.

He said several non-governmental organisations had agreed to help Cassa collect the signatures to urge the Government to embark on this campaign.