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Panel seeks meeting with PM on incinerator

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - The pro-tem committee against the proposed incinerator at Kampung Bohol, Puchong, hopes to take its case to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Pro-tem secretary Lim Hoon Joo said this would be the next step in the quest to seek a relocation of the plant, which is being described as a health risk to the community.

He said the committee had brought the issue up with Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, adding that the minister had agreed to help make the necessary arrangements for a meeting with the Prime Minister.

Today, more than 2,000 residents of Taman Kinrara and surrounding areas turned up for a dialogue on the project.

Organised by the pro-tem committee, the dialogue was aimed at answering questions posed by residents over safety concerns.

Lim said the proposed incinerator would affect residents living within a five-kilometre radius of the plant.

These areas are Puchong, Bukit Gasing, Bukit Jalil, Sri Petaling, Bukit Indah, PJ Selatan, PJ Old Town, Section 14 PJ, OUG, Salak South, Sungai Besi, Sunway, USJ and Subang.

"This is a densely populated area and many will be affected by it," he said.

The committee is also organising a signature campaign which to date has 125,000 signatures.

Lim said the committee was unhappy because the authorities could not guarantee and prove beyond reasonable doubt that their safety and health would not be at risk.

"There are also too many discrepancies in the Environmental Impact Assessment report, which cannot be explained," Lim said.

Lim said the committee had applied for a permit to have the next dialogue in OUG.

"We hope to keep having these dialogues," he said.

The proposed plant would have a capacity of 1,500 tonnes per day.