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JAIL IRRESPONSIBLE DEVELOPERS OVER LOW QUALITY BUILDINGS

PENANG, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Jail terms should not be limited to people guilty of indiscriminate land-clearing and hill-levelling alone but should also be imposed on irresponsible developers who build low quality houses and other buildings.

Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon said today these developers, who were the "black sheep" among other responsible developers would endanger the safety of the people and the integrity of the building structures.

"Therefore, I agree to the call by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that those guilty of indiscriminate land-clearing and hill-cutting be jailed as the fines imposed on such offenders at present are not deterrent enough," he told Bernama.

He said more stringent punishment on the offenders was timely since most of them did not seem to be bothered about fines.

Meanwhile, Sahabat Alam Malaysia (SAM) has urged the Attorney-General and Minister of Science, Technology and Environment to expedite changes to the existing environment-related laws to ensure that directors and officials of companies are made liable for offences.

Its president S.M.Mohamed Idris in a statement today also urged the Attorney-General's Chambers to prosecute the companies responsible for illegal clearing in Cameron Highlands.

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