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MB: Pasdec has no stake in resort

KUANTAN, Thurs. - Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today took to task opposition parties for "hurling wild accusations" at the Government over the Bukit Tinggi gaming centre issue.

Adnan said an allegation that a subsidiary of the State Government, Pasdec Corporation, had a stake in Bukit Tinggi Resort where there is a centre operating slot machines, was not true.

"Pasdec no longer holds any shares in the resort. They were disposed of by the corporation two years ago, way before the slot machines were used at the highland resort."

Adnan said he was informed that Pasdec disposed of the shares after Bukit Tinggi Resort decided to have slot machines in its premises.

He said this after opening the 17th Senior Town and Country Planning Meeting.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad refuted claims that the resort had been given a casino licence, saying that the Government had not, and would not issue any new licences for the operation of casinos.