

S'gor says it again: No to nukes
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Selangor has joined Penang to draw a line in the sand over Putrajaya's plan to build two nuclear power plants in Malaysia.

In a strongly-worded statement today, the Selangor government said it will not tolerate the nuclear plants in the state.

"Not only in Selangor, we oppose any nuclear power project in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. We call for Malaysia to be a Nuclear Free Zone."

Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng had on Monday declared that he would not allow any nuclear plant to be built in his state.

Today's statement, issued by the Selangor state secretariat, accused Prime Minister Najib Razak of forcing nuclear power on Malaysia without first seeking public opinion on the matter.

"This is the same hallmark Barisan Nasional arrogance that forced the Bakun Dam on us. Just like that dam, nuclear power will be another economic and environmental disaster for the country.

"Barisan Nasional cannot be trusted to handle such dangerous technology. Their track record of collapsing stadiums, dysfunctional dams, and overpriced crony projects points towards another calamity in the making."

The Selangor government called on Najib to reveal the "comprehensive study" which he promised before going ahead with the plan.

"But where is this study? Instead the nuclear power plans have quietly doubled to two plants after being laundered through the Economic Transformation Programme (ETP). Where is the justification for this?

"Who stands to profit? The rakyat deserve answers, not spin."

Najib promised to explore all options to meet the country's growing energy needs. He also carried out an online survey among his readers, where a majority favoured solar energy over nuclear power.

The federal government had on Sunday announced plans to build two nuclear power plants that will generate 1,000 megawatts each beginning 2021 as part of the overall long-term plan to increase energy supply.

Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister Peter Chin said that the government would engage an international consultant to evaluate the location for the two plants.

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