

Selangor land deal breached caretaker rules, says BN

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SELANGOR Selangor BN today pointed the finger at the Pakatan-led state administration for allegedly breaking its promise to honour caretaker government guidelines by cementing a major real-estate sale after the dissolution of the state assembly.

"We receive solid evidence that the agreement was inked on April 15, after the dissolution of the assembly.

"It involves the sale of 1,960ha of land to property developer Dijaya Corporation for RM1.3 billion," said the party's state deputy election director Mohd Zin Mohamed at a press conference in Shah Alam today.

The land had been properties once earmarked for the canal city flood mitigation project which was cancelled by the Pakatan state administration in 2011.

The deal, said Mohd Zin, also felt dubious as the prime land close to Kota Kemuning, Putra Heights and Cyberjaya may be sold too cheaply at RM25 per square feet, whereas by his estimation, commercial mixed development land in the same area would cost RM100 or more per square feet.

"That does not take into account future appreciation of the land."

Business publications, however, reported that the deal only involved 1,172 acres of land sold by Permodalan Negeri Selangor Berhad to Dijaya for RM1.3 billion.

Asked about the status of the land, he said that it is currently infrastructure reserve land, but argues that once sold, the land can be re-gazetted as commercial land, thus inflating its value.

He said that despite promises to adhere to caretaker government guidelines and commitment to accountability and transparency, the state government seems not to bat an eyelid at such a major violation.

"This shows that they do not practice what they preach," hit out Mohd Zin.

The state BN deputy election director called upon elections watchdog Bersih to comment on the clear violation by the Selangor government.

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