

Najib wants probe on Felda's Jln Semarak land to proceed

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak wants investigations into the transfer of Felda land off Jalan Semarak, Kuala Lumpur, to proceed, despite the GLC having reassumed control of the lots.

"Alhamdulillah (thank God) Felda's Jalan Semarak land has been returned without costs.

"Regardless, I stress the forensic audit and police investigations will continue," Najib tweeted today.

The prime minister's statement echoed that of Felda chairperson Shahrir Samad (photo) yesterday.

Felda announced that it had regained control of the prime land in the heart of Kuala Lumpur from Synergy Promenade Sdn Bhd (SPSB).

"The forensic audit will also proceed to find out if any wrongdoing had taken place in the land transaction.

"Although the transfer of land ownership was only known to the public on Dec 21, 2017, the fact is, Felda had, as early as January 2017, taken measures to get back the transferred land," Felda said in a statement.

Last month, Berita Harian reported that Felda was at risk of losing ownership of the land, estimated to be worth RM200 million, when it was believed to have been transferred through an allegedly "dubious deal" in 2015.

Following the expose, the Umno-linked Malay daily then reported that the value of the four land parcels in question may actually be worth four times more than what Felda had sold it for.

Police are expected to submit their investigation papers to the Attorney-General's Chambers this week.

On Jan 5, former Felda chairperson Isa Samad had, for several hours, his statement recorded by the Bukit Aman police's Commercial Crime Department.

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