

Review decision to shelf new Teluk Gadong hospital
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I read with interest Selangor Menteri Besar Mohamad Khir Toyo's decision to stop the construction by an international conglomerate to build a RM400 million hospital in Teluk Gadong Klang as reported by the media recently.

Apparently the MB was 'advised' to do so by his political comrade-in-arms and Klang Municipal Council (MPK) councillor Teh Kim Poo on the questionable scientific grounds that, "It would be bad 'feng shui' for his neighborhood, himself included and that they feel the value of their homes will drop'.

Because of this superstition and without a proper debate within the MPK itself, yet again, The appears to have - single-handedly this time - shooed away a significant portion of this country's FDI which would have given many Malaysians in the Klang area work in a 14-storey hospital on a 2.5 hectare area. The cowboy-ish antics of the Klang Municipal councillors never seems to amaze Malaysians.

His belief in the supernatural forces apart, Teh had no such coyness when he bulldozed his way into building a 'Perpaduan' building with open-air pit toilets at a children's playground right in front of residents' house at Southern Park, Klang, three years ago despite all protests by residents affected by those plans.

Indeed even before a proper plan was up, Teh accelerated the construction of the building. There was no menteri besar or MPK to listen to the residents' grouses and eventually the courts came to the rescue of the residents. Till this day, this decrepit building with its overgrown shrubs and open-air pit toilets directly facing resident's homes on a pristine green playground has been hopelessly left abandoned.

It is a constant danger for children playing in the vicinity and a dengue hazard whence it should have been demolished swiftly on the grounds of public safety.

Teh appears to show no remorse save hide behind the phrase, 'Sudah jadi case mahkamah'. His dreams of conducting cooking and aerobic lessons at his personalised 'Perpaduan' building at the children's playground appear now to have diminished.

What is sauce for the goose must be sauce for the gander, and I believe a RM400million investment is something this town definitely would benefit and the menteri besar must seriously review his decision as this may negate efforts by our International Trade and Industry Ministry in getting investments to come into Malaysia.

He should perhaps also review his association with the likes of Teh Kim Poh who appear to demonstrate a self-centred attitude quite predominant in many Malaysian politicians today which could prove perilous in the forthcoming general elections.

The other MPK councillors quite rightly must debate this decision and bring development to the people of Klang. And this, they must do soon lest they are yet again caught in a publicity nightmare not unlike the infamous Zakaria Deros affair.

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