

Guan Eng Challenges State BN On Pulau Jerejak Issue
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GEORGE TOWN -- The DAP-led Penang government today challenged the state Barisan Nasional to take legal action against it on the Pulau Jerejak redevelopment issue.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said the project undertaken by the previous administration had incurred a deficit of RM30 million, and the present government was demanding that the money be returned.

He said the state government had printed about 150,000 flyers to inform the people of the loss and urging the previous administration to give back the money.

"If we are not telling the truth to the people of Penang, they (the previous administration) should proceed to take legal action against us," Lee told reporters after witnessing the handing over of duties to the new president of the Seberang Perai Municipal Council.

Lim said the state government saw no point in continuing with a project suffering a big deficit in its first phase.

It was reported today that state BN working committee chairman Dr Teng Hock Nan had accused Lim of abusing his position and using public funds to print the flyers.

Lim said it cost a few thousand ringgit to print and distribute the flyers.

The flyer listed the RM30 million deficit as RM10.6mil in land premiums yet to be paid to the Penang Land Administrator, RM15.44 million in investment cost, and RM3.6 million unsettled loan from Tropical Island Resort.

In the succession ceremony, George Town World Heritage Incorporated general manager Maimunah Mohd Shariff, 50, takes over as the council president from Mokhtar Mohd Jait, 55, who has been appointed state financial officer.

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