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Najib hard pressed on Felda listing

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak is in the unenviable position to make sure that the Felda listing exercise goes ahead or risk his economic liberalisation plan being questioned.

PAS information chief Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said, the premier appeared hard pressed to make sure the plan went ahead since it was already tabled in the

Budget in Parliament.

Contacted Feb 16, he also however noted that the plan was not entirely novel to illustrate Najib's economic liberalisation process.

"It is not an effort to open up the economy in new areas," he said.

"It is just taking Felda's assets as collateral and floating it up," he said.

Tuan Ibrahim also noted the dubious nature of the exercise because a lot of details were not let known to the stakeholders.

He also pointed out that the decision to list Felda was taken drastically.

Injunction

"There are a lot of grey areas in this matter," he said.

Tuan Ibrahim said the party had consistently opposed the exercise.

"We oppose it because there is a huge risk that the settlers would lose their land," he said.

He pointed out that Pakatan Rakyat had reached a consensus to award the land to settlers should they come to power.

He also pointed out that Pakatan Rakyat state governments

had agreed to withhold their consent for the land takeover.

"We are opposed to the listing because it is not impossible for Felda to be owned by foreign entities in the future if the listing went ahead," he said.

He said the party would also be filing an injunction to stop the extraordinary meeting of the Felda cooperative expected to vote on the proposal. - ES