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Stop trying to scare Johoreans, MB tells Dr M

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PASIR GUDANG: Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin has condemned former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for trying to scare the people of Johor by claiming that 700,000 Chinese nationals will be coming to Forest City and be given citizenship.

"I wonder where he got these facts from, because it does not make sense. Why is he trying to scare the people of Johor? Or does he want to see the project fail?"

"I believe the people of Johor would think about this logically.



**Datuk Seri
Mohamed
Khaled
Nordin**

They would not fall for claims like these," he said after a Rukun Tetangga event in Taman Air Biru here.

He was commenting on Dr Mahathir's recent speech in Krubong Tengah, Malacca, where he claimed 700,000 people from Chi-

na would be given citizenship so that they could vote for Barisan Nasional in the next general election.

An online portal quoted Dr Mahathir as saying that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's visit to China had something to do with the plan to move 700,000 Chinese nationals to Forest City, Johor.

Khaled denied this, and said the project did not only comprise residential units, but commercial and tourism projects as well.

He said the Chinese who bought properties would not move to the country permanently, but would use their property as holiday homes.

"They would be here for three or four months.

"During their time here, there will be huge demand for services, such as house cleaning, laundry and grocery shops. Johoreans need to be ready to take on these opportunities," said Khaled.