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FOREST CITY PROJECT

7 NGOs lodge reports against Dr M

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MUAR: Thirty representatives from seven non-governmental organisations were irked by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent remarks on the Forest City development project in Iskandar Malaysia.

They lodged separate reports against Dr Mahathir at the district police headquarters here yesterday.

Spokesman Abdul Shukor Abdul Rahman told a press conference here after the police reports were lodged that they rubbished Dr Mahathir's politically-motivated comment that 700,000 Chinese nationals would get Malaysian identity cards, which would enable them to vote in the upcoming general election.

"We support Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar's stand on the Forest City project as Dr Ma-

hathir's statement will scare away foreign investors, create racial disunity and affect the state's economic development.

"The project is not solely for Chinese nationals. It is open to Johor folk too. Moreover, how can the land be surrendered to foreigners? It is a strata-titled development.

"Dr Mahathir's comment was made to scare the local community and it could create social unrest."

The NGOs are Persatuan Kebajikan Kampung Tun Dr Ismail Satu Bakri, Persatuan Belia 4B, Persatuan Belia Jalan Pesta 2, Persatuan Ketua Kampung Sabok Wor, Malaysian Cancer Foundation Johor branch, Persatuan Kebajikan dan Pendidikan Gemilang Sungai Abong and Persatuan Sri Maha Kaliamman Muar.



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