



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim visiting Pasar Datuk Keramat in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, PIC COURTESY OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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'Pasar Datuk Keramat in urgent need of upgrade'

KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim yesterday urged Kuala Lumpur City Hall to address issues with the redevelopment of Pasar Datuk Keramat here, which has been operating in a dilapidated state.

The project to upgrade Pasar Datuk Keramat had been delayed for six years.

Anwar said this happened because the developer assigned by City Hall to upgrade the market had failed to complete the project within the stipulated time frame.

"It is crucial to address the condition of Pasar Datuk Keramat as

it is in very poor shape," he said yesterday.

"I have informed Titiwangsa member of parliament Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh to pay attention to this matter."

Johari, who is plantation and commodities minister, said the developer involved did not carry out the project as required.

He said as the developer did not execute the project, City Hall could not proceed with its redevelopment plan because the developer had paid only 10 per cent

of the land value in the market area.

"Previously, City Hall had sold the land to the developer, who intended to develop the market.

"After I became the representative for the area once again, I pushed City Hall to reclaim the land," he said.

Johari said City Hall had since resolved the issue.

"The developer has returned the land to City Hall and reclaimed their deposit.

"Now, it is up to City Hall to manage and upgrade the market."