

**Anak: BN risks 54 federal seats with Felda listing**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 14 — Barisan Nasional (BN) could lose major electoral support from Felda settlers if it goes ahead with a controversial public listing of the land authority on the Bursa Malaysia, the National Association of Settlers (Anak) has warned.

Anak president Mazlan Aliman urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to withdraw the government's proposal to list Felda Global Ventures (FGV), and cautioned that failure to do so could result in Felda settlers voting against BN in the upcoming general election.

"The prime minister must have a firm stand and protect Felda folk who have loyally supported Umno-BN all this while.

"If not, Felda voters in 54 parliamentary seats and 92 state seats are ready to make a political transformation that will shake up the results of the 13th general election," Mazlan (picture) was quoted by Harakahdaily as saying today.

Under the proposal to list Felda Global Ventures (FGV), settlers will swap their 51 per cent stake in Felda Holdings — which made RM760 million last year — for a 61 per cent share in FGV, whose international subsidiaries have reportedly lost RM500 million up to 2010.

The Malaysian Insider reported that the prime minister issued a letter on Friday directing Felda director-general Datuk Dzulkifli Abdul Wahab to go on eight months' leave due to clashes with Tan Sri Isa Samad, who recently replaced Dzulkifli as Felda Investment Co-operative (KPF) chief.

Anak also lodged a complaint with the Co-operatives Commission of Malaysia (CCM) in October over Isa's appointment as KPF chief.

The appointment is being challenged on the grounds that the former Umno vice-president is a "contract worker" and not a member of the co-operative whose membership is limited to settlers and permanent Felda staff.

The settlers' co-operative owns the majority stake in Felda Holdings that manages Felda's 880,000-ha plantation landbank across the country.

Dzulkifli, who was deputy director-general before his promotion, has served Felda for 30 years.

The profitable Felda Holdings has a workforce of some 19,000 employees, with a labour force of 46,795 workers at 300 estates, 70 palm oil mills, seven refineries, four kernel crushing plants, 13 rubber factories, manufacturing plants and several logistic and bulking installations spread throughout Malaysia and several locations overseas.

"FGV's listing will result in Felda selling all of its shares in FGV. That is why Datuk Dzul is against the listing efforts and the settlers are firmly behind him," Mazlan added.

Anak has threatened a mass protest next month if Najib does not withdraw the leave order issued to Dzul kifli, claiming he was removed because he was not in agreement with Isa over the Felda listing on Bursa Malaysia.

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