

Prove BN Practised Cronyism In Allocating Low-Cost Houses, Penang Government Told
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GEORGE TOWN, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The state's Opposition wants the Penang Pakatan Rakyat (PR) government to prove its allegation that the Barisan Nasional (BN) during its rule in Penang had favoured cronies in allocating low-cost houses.

Shabudin Yahya (BN-Permatang Berangan) who interjected the debate by A. Tanasekharan (DAP-Bagan Dalam) at the state assembly sitting today, also slammed the PR government backbenchers for always making wild accusations.

"Is there a procedure or not in BN or the current state government which sets a condition that buyers of low-cost houses must state the party they support. If there is, please say so, and if there's none, withdraw the allegation.

"We (BN) too do not want to accuse PR of allocating houses to cronies....there must be proof.

"In such a matter, one should not simply make baseless accusations," said Shabudin whose statement was supported by other BN assemblymen including Muhamad Farid Saad (Pulau Betong) and Datuk Arif Shah Omar Shah (Seberang Jaya).

Earlier, Tanasekharan in his debate said that the housing problem, especially low-cost, had become increasingly serious and needed to be resolved urgently.

He also asked the state government to implement more low-cost housing projects, especially on the island, as there are already too many luxury homes built which most of the locals cannot afford.

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