

PKR: Shahrizat's influence may have eased purchase of KL Eco City units
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PETALING JAYA, March 7 — PKR today demanded Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil reveal if she had influenced the construction of the RM6 billion KL Eco City to help her family purchase eight office units in the luxurious integrated urban city development in Bangsar.

PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar, who last year complained that the development had resulted in the unfair relocation of villagers, told a press conference today that the construction was kicked off in 2007, when Shahrizat was still the MP for Lembah Pantai. She drew links between Shahrizat and the development by pointing to PKR strategic director Rafizi Ramli's revelation today of bank documents allegedly showing that Shahrizat's family members — husband Datuk Seri Mohamad Salleh and their three children — had used NFC's millions as leverage to obtain loans to purchase the units.

According to Rafizi, the eight units have a current estimated market value of RM12 million.

"Firstly, the act of a husband and children to a senior minister, who is also an MP for the constituency in question, of purchasing such properties, raises the question of 'conflict of interest' between her duty as an MP and the personal needs of her family.

"With this latest expose, Shahrizat should explain to the people if she had played any role in influencing the decision to relocate the low-income villagers of Kampung Abdullah Hukum (for the purpose of developing KL Eco City)," Nurul Izzah told a press conference here.

Nurul Izzah, who is currently the MP for Lembah Pantai, also revisited her claim in Parliament last year that Umno Youth leaders had earned a windfall of RM75 million from the KL Eco City project while the poorly villagers in the area were forced into relocating.

Some villagers, she added, were not even given alternative housing.

She alleged that the Umno Youth leaders were directly involved in the development and the relocation of villagers, through YGP Holdings Sdn Bhd.

YGP Holdings, a subsidiary of Yayasan Gerakbakti Kebangsaan, had initially entered into a joint venture with SP Setia to develop the RM6 billion project.

Documents from the Companies Commission Malaysia state that YGP Holdings' directors include Umno Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin, Kota Belud MP Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan and Umno Youth assistant secretary Megat Firdouz Megat Junid.

According to previous media reports, SP Setia had taken full control of KL Eco City Sdn Bhd through the acquisition of a 40 per cent stake for RM75 million from Yayasan Gerakbakti Kebangsaan.

"I will wait for an answer from the Wanita Umno chief (Shahrizat) and Umno Youth chief

(Khairy) on their involvement in a project that victimised the low-income earners of Lembah Pantai,” said Nurul Izzah.

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