

Move On, Zambry Tells Nizar
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IPOH, April 6 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Zambry Abdul Kadir has urged Pasir Panjang assemblyman Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin "to move on" and let the iron ore project in Teluk Rubiah proceed smoothly.

He said several opposition members had met him and expressed their disappointment over the action of Mohammad Nizar regarding the project as it could paint a negative image among international investors.

"They met me yesterday and said they now had to do a damage control exercise regarding the issue," he told reporters on the sidelines of the State Assembly Sitting, here today.

Mohamad Nizar, a former menteri besar, was among the vocal critics of the project and had denied that he had given a support for the project when he was the menteri besar.

The state government, however, declassified the letter signed Mohammad Nizar which showed that he had indeed given his support for the project.

Last Saturday, Mohammad Nizar, Sitiawan assemblyman Datuk Ngeh Koo Ham and Tronoh assemblyman V. Sivakumar, joined about 100 members of non-governmental organisations in protesting against the project, claiming that the iron ore distribution centre and iron pelletising project would destroy the environment in the area.

Dr Zambry, meanwhile, said Vale International, the operator of the project, has expressed confidence in the state government's commitment in encouraging investment in the state.

"This is an international investor and would not appreciate it when politicians like him came and told them the project was okay but said all sorts of things afterwards," he said.

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