

Guan Eng points finger at BN for hillslope projects

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BUKIT MERTAJAM (June 17, 2012): The previous state administration should be held responsible for hillslope development in Penang.

Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng said since the previous state administration had approved the development they should be held responsible for them.

"Some 37 (hillslope) projects were approved by the previous administration, 19 of which were labelled special projects.

Those which have been approved have to be processed," he told reporters after meeting the public at Jalan Pasar here today.

Lim said his administration cannot stop the projects as they would have to pay compensation to developers.

"Why should we be blamed for the wrongs you have done," he said.

It was reported that Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who had visited the Bagan parliamentary constituency on Saturday, had pinned the blame on the hillslope development on the Pakatan Rakyat-led administration.

Lim said the state government is trying its best to mitigate the problem.

On another matter, Lim welcomed both the aid of RM500,000 for non-governmental organisations in Bagan and the announcement of 250 medium-cost houses in Bukit Minyak.

"But the amount is not enough, Muhyiddin should give RM5 million for the people in Bagan," he added.

The Bagan MP also said that as Muhyiddin was confident of BN winning the parliamentary seat, either he or MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek should contest in the seat in the upcoming general election.

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