

**Penang BN Wants State Government To Reveal Files On Sale Of Land In Taman Manggis**  
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GEORGE TOWN, July 22 (Bernama) -- Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) Youth today called on the state government to reveal the Penang Island Municipal Council's development application plan files as well as files on the sale of a piece of land in Taman Manggis, Jalan Zainal Abidin, here.

Its chief Oh Tong Keong said if the DAP-led state government really practised transparency, it should not hesitate to reveal all the relevant documents and to stop confusing the public by twisting facts in its statements.

"To Penang BN Youth, this case clearly has elements of abuse of power and corruption. We want the state government to show the tender file with the agreement made with the private company so that the people will know whether the sale of the land was made according to proper procedures.

"We also want the development plan permit file to be opened. We want to see the complete documents and all the minutes, so that we will know whether there was cheating or not in this case," he told a press conference, here, today.

Recently, Penang BN exposed that a 0.45ha piece of land which should be developed for phase two of a People's Housing Project (PPR) had been sold to a private company for the construction of a 30-storey building.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng had claimed that the piece of land had to be sold as the size was not big enough for a housing project.

The state government also claimed that the land was sold because the previous BN state government had never approved the land for a public housing project.

Oh, however, said that his side had shown proof that the BN government had discussed and approved an additional block for the piece of land at the state executive council meetings on April 29 and June 26, 2003.

Hence, he is asking the state government to stop lying to the people and be open and truthful about what happened.

"The people need to be told honestly why the state government was prepared to sell to a private company, the land which was meant for a PPR project," he said.

Oh also wants the state government to apologise to all the people of Penang for selling the land belonging to the people to a private company.

He said Penang BN was prepared to take the responsibility of building phase two of the PPR project if the state government returned the said land to the people.

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