

**Timely lifeline for Bukit Kiara**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Chor Chee Heung has ordered a halt to all construction in Bukit Kiara until further notice.

He has also promised to work closely with Friends of Bukit Kiara (FoBK) and other NGOs and concerned members of the public to repair the damage done by the construction of a fence to demarcate the park.

Chor announced the stop-work order when he, together with National Landscape Department representatives, met concerned members of the public and NGOs here.

"Although 80% of the fencing work is complete and much damage has been done, we will work from now on to preserve (the forest) as well as repair the damage. More public engagement sessions would be held on the development of Bukit Kiara to make it a big-scale public park over the next 25 years."

Chor also said the delay in gazetting Bukit Kiara was because more than 64 of the 187ha land had been leased to two corporations.

Former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his wife Tun Jeanne Abdullah, who is Landscape Malaysia chairman, were also present.

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