

Nurul Izzah challenges Nong Chik to explain 'shady' land deal
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 — Incumbent Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar today challenged her political opponent Raja Datuk Nong Chik Zainal Abidin to explain what she alleged was the “shady” sale of public land slated to conclude after the general election.

She said that 12 acres of prime land in Bukit Kiara, of which Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) is a beneficial owner, will be sold to a well-known property development company for the sum of about RM475 million.

“As the caretaker minister of Federal Territories and urban wellbeing, Datuk Raja Nong Chik must explain to the rakyat,” Nurul Izzah (picture) said at a news conference.

She pointed out that the DBKL land was transferred late last year to Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan, of which Raja Nong Chik is a chairman, and was then given to a private company, Kiaramas Sdn Bhd, before it was finally sold.

She questioned whether Raja Nong Chik had ordered the transfers of the land and if so, for what reasons.

She also questioned the identities of the beneficial owners of Kiaramas: “Specifically, is the minister, his relatives, friends or nominees involved?”

She demanded to know the profit earned through the sale, of which she alleged DBKL had been wrongfully deprived.

“Why did DBKL not use this land to benefit KL residents rather than developers?” she said.

“Transfers of cheap government land to private hands in order to make enormous profits have been a long-standing tradition of the Barisan Nasional government.”

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