

FGV will not buy stake in Indonesian company if settlers, EPF disagree, says PM

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Felda Global Ventures (FGV) will not go ahead with its planned acquisition of a 37% stake in Indonesian company Eagle High, without the consent of Felda settlers and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), who hold major stakes in the public listed company, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said today.

There had been claims that FGV is overpaying by almost 100% for the shares in the company, which comes under the Rajawali Group in Indonesia, but Najib made a case for the purchase, claiming that with land being scarce in Malaysia, FGV's only viable option is to enter the Indonesian market.

"We have only signed the memorandum of understanding. It is not finalised until we do our own evaluations. The settlers and EPF must agree, only then we will go ahead," he said.

EPF had reportedly opposed the RM 2.5 billion purchase. – July 12, 2015.

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