

PR1MA Houses: BN to review additional conditions by Selangor

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 24 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) will look into all the additional conditions imposed by the Selangor government that results in an increase in the construction cost of affordable homes in the state, if the coalition is able to wrest back the state from the opposition in the 14th general election (GE14).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said the imposition of the additional conditions had caused the cost of building the Perbadanan PR1MA Malaysia (PR1MA) houses in Selangor to be higher than in other states.

"We don't intent to add conditions that would make the cost higher and Insya Allah, if we are given the mandate to rule in Selangor (after GE14), we will review the additional terms imposed by the state government."

"It is not only for PR1MA, but also for all housing developers who have voiced their dissatisfaction over the additional conditions imposed by the Selangor government."

"To them (housing developers), (the additional conditions) only increases the building cost, and in the end, it is the people who have to bear the burden," he told a media conference here today.

Earlier, the prime minister visited a housing exhibition 'Ke Arah Sejuta Impian' Edisi Nasional at the Putra World trade Centre (PWTC).

Najib said Penang, which was also under the opposition, also imposed weird conditions, like requiring the house buyers to register as voters in Penang, to buy a house in the state.

He said although there were constraints, the federal government, through PR1MA, would build houses at lower the market price to provide opportunities for the medium income earners to own their own house.

He said various housing projects in Penang were being implemented, including at Permatang Pauh, involving 1,017 units, Batu Ferringhi (1,248 units) and Bukit Gelugor (2,387 units).

"On the mainland, the houses are sold for RM250,000 and below (each), while on the island, the price is RM300,000 and below," he added.

Najib said PR1MA was on the right track in fulfilling its commitment to build 500,000 houses for the people.

"Among the projects that received overwhelming response is at Bukit Bintang, with 42 per cent of the 542 units being booked within only three days."

"So, if we provide houses in places where there is demand at a suitable cost, the people will buy," he said.

The nine-day housing exhibition, organised by PR1MA, involved the participation of various agencies, including the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry and Syarikat Perumahan Negara Berhad.

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