



The projection mapping will colour the Putrajaya Steps from 9pm to 11pm until Saturday in conjunction with Federal Territories Day. PIC FROM PPJ FACEBOOK

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## Colours of Keluarga Malaysia to light up FT Day

### PUTRAJAYA

**A** PROJECTION mapping based on the Keluarga Malaysia (Malaysian Family) concept will colour the Putrajaya Steps here every night until Saturday in conjunction with the **Federal Territories Day** celebration this year.

It is one of the events in the Federal Territory of Putrajaya Lighting Month programme launched by Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim on Wednesday night.

The projection mapping at the new Putrajaya landmark would begin from 9pm to 11pm, read a statement by the Putrajaya Corporation (PPj). It would showcase Putrajaya's success from the time it was planned in 1995 till today.

Shahidan said the Keluarga Malaysia concept was used to portray the Malaysians' spirit of togetherness.

"The concept of Keluarga Malaysia embodies the spirit of belonging, that this is our city, our home," he said.

In the meantime, he said the ministry

was planning to build another iconic structure like the Putrajaya Steps.

The Putrajaya Steps, which opened on Jan 5, had 250 steps leading up to a hill about 30m high with a climbing distance of 200m.

Meanwhile, PPj said landmarks in the federal government's administrative centre will also be bathed in lights every night until tonight in conjunction with the lighting month programme.

Yellow, blue and red lights, symbolising the colours of the Federal Territory flag, would light up the iconic Seri Wawasan and Seri Saujana bridges, as well as the fountain at Putrajaya lake.

PPj said all government and commercial buildings here would be aglow with "festive mode" lighting, in line with the Putrajaya Lighting Master Plan.

The warm white lighting would highlight the architectural elements, textures and original colours of materials on the iconic buildings with modern Islamic and Malay architecture, such as the Perdana Putra building, Federal Territories Ministry and PPj Complex. **Bernama**



# Tangga Putrajaya kedua dibina ambil kira alam semula jadi

**PUTRAJAYA** – Warga Wilayah Persekutuan akan memiliki sebuah lagi ikonik rekreasi apabila sebuah struktur tangga seperti Tangga Putrajaya sedang dibina.

Menteri Wilayah Persekutuan, Datuk Seri Shahidan Kasim berkata, struktur tangga terbaharu itu akan mempunyai lebih 300 anak tangga iaitu melebihi jumlah anak tangga dimiliki Tangga Putrajaya.

Difahamkan, struktur tangga kedua itu akan dibina di sebuah taman rekreasi awam di Pusat Pentadbiran Kerajaan Persekutuan itu dan dijangka siap dalam masa terdekat.

“Kos pembinaannya akan dikurangkan dan ia juga dibina dengan pendekatan berbeza iaitu mengambil kira alam semula jadi.

“Yang penting, orang awam akan memiliki kawasan riadah mencukupi dan ia bukan hanya untuk warga Wilayah Persekutuan, sebaliknya seluruh rakyat Malaysia,” katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian ketika ditemui pada Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Pencahayaan Putrajaya di Tangga Putrajaya di sini kelmarin.

Shahidan memberitahu, beliau mendapati ramai pengunjung luar termasuk dari Kuala



**SHAHIDAN** (dua dari kanan) menunjukkan isyarat bagus selepas hadir pada Majlis Pelancaran Bulan Pencahayaan Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya di Tangga Putrajaya Steps, Putrajaya malam kelmarin.

Lumpur dan Selangor datang ke Putrajaya untuk beriadah memandangkan kawasan ini dilengkapi fasiliti riadah yang lengkap termasuk Tangga Putrajaya.

Tambahnya, sekiranya Selangor terkenal dengan tangga Batu Caves, Putrajaya pula mempunyai Tangga Putrajaya dan Tangga Putrajaya kedua.

Tangga Putrajaya yang terletak Taman Putra Perdana, Presint 1, mula dibuka sepenuhnya kepada orang ramai pada 5 Januari lalu dan mencatat 6,000 pengunjung setiap minggu.

Tangga Putrajaya mempunyai sebanyak 250 anak tangga menuju ke atas bukit, berketinggian 30 meter dan jarak pendakian sejauh 200 meter.



## We cannot use public funds to repair private properties, says KL mayor

IN ORDER to fund repair works of private units in PPR Sri Aman in Jinjang Utara, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) must find outside funding.

Mayor Datuk Seri Mahadi Che Ngah said since the defect liability period (DLP) had ended, repairs to the water leakage problem that residents are facing are now the responsibility of DBKL.

However, the mayor reiterated that the local authority is only responsible for repairing the damaged units of tenants and not units that have already been sold.

"We cannot be using public funds to repair private residences.

"We have never done that before."

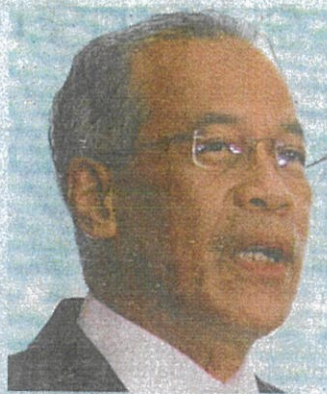
The mayor said that since the DLP had ended, the developer of the PPR was no longer responsible for repairs.

Under the Housing Development Act 1966, residents must report any defects in their units within 24 months from the date they receive the key.

The defects in the PPR Sri Aman only manifested after the DLP expired.

"When we actually took over (the management) of the PPR, it was already quite late.

"When issues began to crop



Mahadi says the problems in PPR Seri Alam only manifested after the defect liability period expired.

up, we started collecting data from our tenants who are living in the affected units.

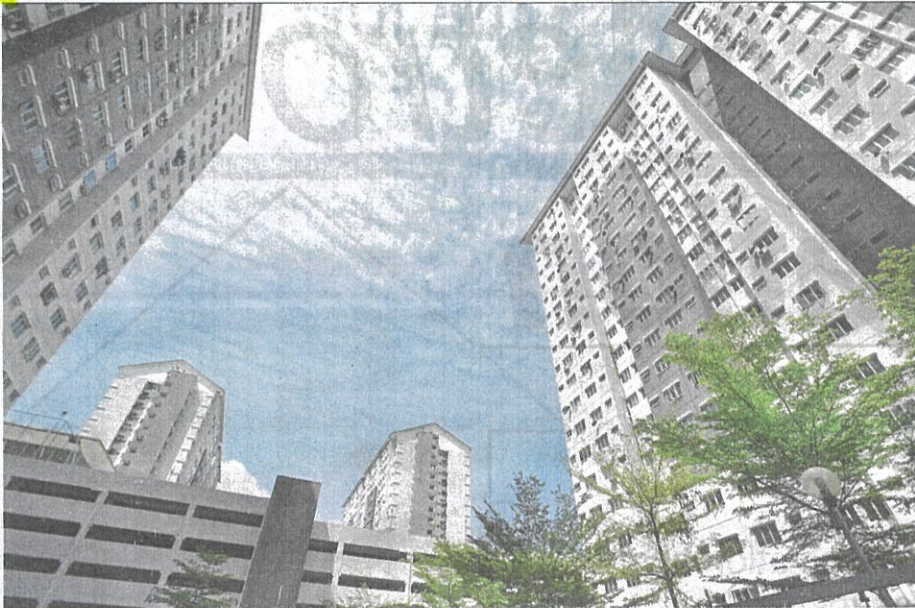
"But repairs to the units that are already sold is something that we need to discuss with KPKT (Housing and Local Government Ministry) as we need funding for that.

"We have written to the ministry and are waiting for its response," he said.

Mahadi said that DBKL was currently compiling data from Block A, which are tenanted units.

"We are trying our best to find the best solution to this issue," he said.





PPR Sri Aman in Jinjang Utara was only completed in 2015 but numerous problems have surfaced since then. (Right) Chang pointing out worrying signs at the PPR Sri Aman carpark.

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A preliminary report by the National House Buyers Association (HBA) on a government housing project in Jinjang Utara, Kuala Lumpur reveals myriad problems that may lead to bigger issues if they are not rectified soon.

The pro bono study was done in collaboration with waterproofing specialist Sika Kimia Sdn Bhd and a team of engineers and specialists.

The report highlights the need for urgent measures to deal with PPR Sri Aman's water leakage problem, and other issues that may worsen the condition of some units if not properly rectified.

StarMetro first highlighted residents' woes on Aug 30 last year.

About 100 residents at the four-block low-cost flats had complained about water leaks at their units dating back two years.

The good news is that in general, the report stated the structures of Block A, B, C and D of the people's housing project are safe for dwelling.

Nevertheless, it added that dampness had been detected in numerous locations and this issue needs to be attended to immediately to arrest further deterioration of the concrete structures.

A private developer was appointed by the Housing and Local Government Ministry to build PPR Sri Aman which was to house the poor, including former squatters who were placed temporarily at the Jinjang Utara Longhouse.

Built in 2015, at a cost of RM215mil, the 1,600-unit flats began to experience issues ranging from water leaking out of walls, from beneath floor tiles, mould and mildew to foul stench.

Residents said there are leaks within the internal and external piping and water is seeping through the concrete.

Since the defect liability period ended in 2018, the building was handed back to the ministry and later, Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

However only tenants can forward their complaints to DBKL, not owners.

### Problem areas

Meanwhile, based on checks by HBA, water leaks have been detected in master bedrooms, living rooms, toilets, walkways and car-parks.

The report suggested these could

# 'Audit needed to address plumbing system at PPR'

Report says poor water pressure management a contributory factor



Mohamed Nawaz at an empty unit that is flooding from the inside.

be attributed to cracks and/or cavities in external walls, leaking pipes due to unsafe water pressure, migration of dampness from the upper parcel, stagnant water and waterproofing failure.

The pools of water resulting from leaks are a liability as residents risk injury from slipping, electrocution, biological contamination and structural deterioration to the buildings' structure, furniture and fittings.

The report added that poor water pressure management had caused burst pipes and consequential leakage.

Excessive water pressure may cause irreversible expansion to polymer pipes and potentially lead to a series of burst pipes and flooding.

Thus, the report recommended an audit be done to assess the plumbing system.

Immediate actions are recommended to check the pressure-reducing valves (PRV) and the condition of the domestic water pipes.

PRVs need to be serviced and cleaned every one to two years and the diaphragms in the PRVs need to be replaced every four to five years, according to the manufacturer's advice.

Leakage from external walls and windows were identified too, and to address this, it should be sealed with compatible elastic materials which can cater to movement (heat, settlement, wind) and painted with elastomeric primer and weatherproof coating, accord-



StarMetro's report on Aug 30.

ing to the manufacturer's specifications.

The report also noted that the waterproofing failure in the car park was serious and widespread.

Spalled concrete with corroded reinforcement steel bars could be seen in a few locations the report recommended immediate actions to protect and repair the concrete structures.

HBA also urged the local authorities and agencies to take heed of the seriousness of the impending issues according to their severity and urgency, reiterating that their findings were derived merely from a preliminary inspection at limited areas.

A thorough inspection was recommended by HBA for the safety and well-being of the residents to determine the impact of the numerous issues on the buildings' structures.

HBA said that it did not rule out the possibility of more leaks being detected.

Lastly, HBA said that standard operating procedure in cases of inter-floor leakage according to Strata Management Act 2013, were

applicable.

PPR Sri Aman residents' lives have been greatly affected by having to live with the defects.

HBA was alerted to their plight after the issues were highlighted in the media and a video showing the defects went viral.

It contacted PPR Sri Aman Residents Association chairman Mohamed Nawaz Koya seeking approval to carry out a preliminary test.

HBA said the report had been shared with Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican.

"I hope they are aware of the severity of the issue and will call for a meeting with representatives from DBKL, the contractor, the architects who issued the Certificate of Fitness for Occupation, the National Housing Department and HBA as soon as possible," said its secretary-general Datuk Chang Kim Loong.

Watch the video  
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