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Common for opposition to blame BN, says minister

TANJUNG KARANG: A statement by the Selangor government claiming that two developers involved in the Ijok land issue are "Barisan Nasional cronies" has been disputed by Selangor Barisan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Noh Omar.

Noh, who is urban wellbeing, housing and local government minister, said if the developers were BN cronies, it would be ironic as the state government had rendered aid to them.

He said based on the statement issued by the Selangor Menteri

Besar office's strategic communication director Yin Shao Loong, it was common practice for an opposition-led administration to shift the blame to BN.

"This is how they behave. They will blame everything on BN.

"If it is true that both companies are BN cronies, why did the state government return the land to them? (Former menteri besar) Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim was right (to seize the land).

"He (Khalid) could not care less about cronyism as long as the move helped the people," Noh said here yesterday.

Khalid had urged the authorities to investigate the issue in which the 880ha land, seized by the Selangor government due to violations related to the National Land Code, was returned to the two companies in 2009.

The land was eventually sold to another company.

Noh questioned why the state government had allowed settlers to be compensated with a rate fixed in 2000, despite the land being resold at the current market price of RM500,000 for each 0.4ha.

He said losses or encumbrances should be borne by the developers instead of the people.

"Khalid was right in his approach to defend the people and not the developers' interests.

"(Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri) Azmin (Ali) is the opposite and sides with the developers."



Tan Sri Noh Omar