

Govt to acquire Highland Towers land for park, bungalow project

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The Highland Towers block has been left abandoned since it collapsed in December 1993, killing 48 people.

KUALA LUMPUR: The government is to acquire the land occupied by the long-abandoned Highland Towers here to build a park and bungalows, Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said.

Zuraida, who had said in March that the building will be demolished by June, said there has been a delay in acquiring feedback from all the house owners as some of them are overseas.

She said the land acquisition will be carried out through the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council according to the Land Acquisition Act.

"We have asked the Selangor MB (Amirudin Shari) to speed it up," she said after visiting Salak South New Village here today.

Zuraida said her ministry's plan was to obtain feedback from the last 29 house owners, 14 of whom had agreed for the high rise condominium block to be demolished for redevelopment.

However, the other 15 were out of the country and their lawyers were unable to get back to her ministry, she said.