

Zuraida promises completion of halted PR1MA project in Rantau

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Housing and Local Government Ministry has assured that the halted Malaysia People's Housing Scheme (PR1MA) project in Bandar Ekar, Rantau, Negri Sembilan will be completed.

Its Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said the ministry is currently on the lookout for a contractor to continue the project, which is 60 per cent completed.

She said the project was halted due to some "issues" which resulted in the earlier appointed contractor unable to finish the project.

"The ministry is still identifying a 'white knight' contractor for the unfinished works.

"Out of the 800 units, 600 have already been sold. (So) We will look at the problems faced because our main priority to finish it," she told reporters at Parliament today.

Homeowners have recently complaint that they were made to pay the housing loan since January despite the project had been left abandoned since September last year.

In April, Zuraida said the halted project is expected to be completed by May 2020.

It was learnt that the project, which should have been completed by Jan 31 this year, was discontinued after the appointed contractor of the affordable homes project ran into financial difficulties.