

“LPHS said they only choose buyers and issue letters to successful buyers, and they cannot give us any guarantees,” said Helmi.

He said checks made by the buyers showed that LPHS were still offering Residensi Jaya flats for sale in December, even though the developers had been declared bankrupt.

Helmi said that 221 buyers had each paid a 10% deposit on the flats, but were in the dark about what had happened to the money.

“A 10% deposit on a RM250,000 house is RM25,000. We want to know where did the money go,” said Helmi. “Did the developer take the money or is it with other parties? Please give it back to us.”

He said the LPHS had met buyers in October and last week, but said they were only in charge of implementing policies. The buyers have also held discussions with executive councillor Haniza and several orders had been issued by the executive council, to no avail.

Another buyer, Siti Normadiana Ahmad, 38, said she had bought a flat with confidence because the project was supported by the state government.

“I am a first-time buyer and we got the offer (to buy units) from LPHS, not from any private developer. I did not dare to buy houses elsewhere because my friend was cheated by a private developer, which is why I bought into this Rumah Selangorku scheme.

“We placed our trust in the Selangor government, but this is what we get in return,” she said.

Normadiana said she hoped Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin would look into the matter.