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THE ill-fated Highland Towers in Taman Sri Ukay, Ampang, will finally be heading for demolition in as early as one month's time, Housing and Local Government minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said. She was speaking to reporters at the Kota Damansara People's Housing Project (PPR) flats where she was visiting the family of three-year-old Siti Nur Nadiyah Hairul Anuar, who fell to her death from the 17th floor on Thursday morning.

Zuraida said that after several meetings with the developer and the Insolvency Department, the Highland Towers Redevelopment Committee has finally reached a solution and identified all the owners involved.

"The demolition will take place as soon as we clear all the technicalities involving the insolvency issues," she said.

The Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) will be tasked with organising the demolition.

"We are hoping that by December, the committee will formulate plans for redevelopment at the site," Zuraida added.

She revealed this after saying there was a need for her to revise the ministry's policies on abandoned projects, where some procedures and processes needed to be simplified and sped up.

She also revealed that there were currently a total of 82 abandoned project sites across Selangor.

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A file picture of the Highland Towers site as it looks now.



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Safety priority for De Puncak Ukay residents

Neighbourhood known for its green environment now well-guarded too

Residents in Action

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FOR residents of De Puncak Ukay, Taman Ukay Perdana in Ampang, every morning is like waking up on a mountaintop resort.

The lush hills surrounding the neighbourhood are filled with flora and fauna, and it is one of the key reasons that residents enjoy living there.

De Puncak Ukay Residents Association (DePURA) chairman Zaini Ramlee said the green environment was what enticed many of the residents to buy properties there.

"There is no other place like this, plus we are so close to the city which is convenient for those working there," he said.

What started out as an informal group to address safety and security concerns has now become the community centre for the neighbourhood.

DePURA was established in 2010 so

that residents could set up a guarded neighbourhood.

"Before that, we would have three to four break-ins a year. Now we have almost no incidents," said Zaini, adding that about 90% of the residents supported the security initiatives.

Now the RA focuses on community activities to bring residents closer together, he said.

It hosts several community events, including festivals such as Hari Raya, Chinese New Year and Deepavali.

They also have a weekly aerobic session as well as free tuition classes for schoolchildren.

While there has been no major concerns, an upcoming housing project on a steep hillside in the neighbourhood has the residents worried.

Zaini said they were worried the large-scale project was taking place only 50m away from existing homes.

"Considering the track record of landslides in the area, projects such as this should have been discussed with the residents.

"We are still in communication with the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council about this issue," he said.



DePURA organises weekly aerobic sessions as one of the ways to foster stronger community ties.

Among the community events hosted by DePURA are festive get-togethers.