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A filepic of the Highland Towers in Kuala Lumpur.

Plans for Highland Towers site

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Developer to acquire land, demolish remaining condo blocks and redevelop area

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THERE are plans to build 50 bungalows on an 8ha land around the Highland Towers site.

The proposed project will also include a recreational park where the two towers currently stand after they are demolished.

Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain (pic) said the council's committee for the redevelopment of Highland Towers decided that the site in Taman Sri Ukay, Ampang, was not suitable for any high-rise development.

"A private developer owns 50 plots of bungalow land around the location of the towers. The developer will buy the land where the



two remaining towers stand, demolish them and then redevelop the place into a recreational park," he said.

On Dec 11, 1993, one of the three blocks of the Highland Towers collapsed, killing 48 people.

"The Insolvency Department hopes to identify the remaining owners of the 27 units at Highland Towers before any redevelopment can take place," he said, adding that the proposal was presented to the special committee.

Abdul Hamid was speaking to reporters after chairing the full board meeting of the council yesterday.

Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin earlier announced that the ministry would no longer develop a housing project at the site where the Highland Towers stand for the B40 (bottom 40% household income) group as it was not suitable for

any structure.

Taman Sri Ukay resident Dion Sharil Isham said MPAJ's proposal was positive news for Taman Sri Ukay and Hillview residents.

"We were all shocked and disappointed by Zuraida's previous decision to build flats at the Highland Towers site.

"The hill was deemed unsafe and unstable, which caused the collapse of one of the Highland Towers (in 1993) in the first place."

However, Dion was concerned that should the park become a public park, there could be security issues for the guarded neighbourhood.

He hoped the authorities would consult with the residents before deciding on the next course of action.



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RESIDENTS of Kampung Pasir in Ampang will soon be relieved from the frequent flooding problems in the area, following a request for state allocation by Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ).

Council president Abdul Hamid Abdul Hussain said they asked for RM1mil for upgrading costs and sent a proposal to state Infrastructure and Agriculture Committee chairman Izham Hashim.

He said the drainage in Kampung Pasir could no longer cope with the water capacity and several parts had fallen into disrepair, resulting in the water not flowing into nearby Sungai Klang.

"Residents have endured numerous floods and mud floods over the past few years," he said after the monthly full board meeting.

He said a monsoon drain was being built by the Drainage and Irrigation Department to address the flooding problem that would be completed soon.

On another matter, Abdul Hamid said 1,631 dengue cases were reported from January to Aug 16.

The three hotspots are Taman Melawati, Kampung Pandan and Taman Ampang Utama.



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KUALA LUMPUR 20 Ogos - Kementerian Perumahan dan Kerajaan Tempatan (KPKT) merancang untuk membina sebuah taman rekreasi di tapak Kondominium Highland Towers yang runtuh 25 tahun lepas, kata Menteri Zuraida Kamaruddin.

Beliau berkata, sebelum ini pihaknya pernah merancang un-

tuk membina projek perumahan bagi golongan B40 di tapak kondominium tersebut, tetapi ia dilihat tidak bersesuaian untuk dibina.

"Namun kedudukan asas tanah di kawasan itu didapati tidak sesuai untuk didirikan rumah atau bangunan. Jadi kita akan menukarkan kawasan itu sebagai taman rekreasi. Lokasinya strategik dan masyarakat sekitar boleh menggunakannya.

"Setakat ini jawatan ZURAIDA tankuasa mengenai Highland Towers telah lima kali bermesyuarat dan telah mengenalpasti pemilik sah bangunan itu. Kita sedang dalam peringkat mengusahakan cadangan bagi membangunkan kawasan itu. Ia masih dalam perancangan dan InshaAllah saya akan luluskan bila sampai masanya," katanya kepada pemberita di sini.

Beliau ditemui pada majlis pelancaran kempen #Girl2Leaders Malaysia.

Yang turut hadir isteri Menteri Besar Selangor Masdiana Mohammad yang juga Pengerusi Pertubuhan Kebajikan dan Amal Wanita Selangor (Pekawanis).

Pada 11 Dis 1993, satu daripada tiga blok Kondominium Highland Towers di Taman Hillview, Ulu Klang runtuh dalam tragedi yang meragut nyawa 48 orang.

Berikutan itu, penghuni dua blok lain dipindahkan dan sejak itu bangunan berkenaan terbiar dan menjadi sarang penagih dadah. - BERNAMA

