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TAMAN DESA BUILDING COLLAPSE

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Minister says NIOSH to expedite probe into incident

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THE sales licence of the developer of a condominium, which partially collapsed on Friday, in Taman Desa here, will be suspended.

Housing and Local Government Minister Zuraida Kamaruddin said the Attorney-General's Chambers would suspend the developer's Advertising Permit and Developer's Licence pending investigations.

She said the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) had been asked to expedite the investigation into the incident.

She said such an investigation would normally take about a month to complete.

"However, we have asked NIOSH to expedite the investigation.

"The coordinating committee on the collapsed condominium incident will hold a meeting on Monday at 2.30pm to discuss the matter.

"It will be attended by (representatives from) the ministry, NIOSH, Kuala Lumpur City Hall, CIDB (Construction Industry Development Board) and the developer (Maxim Holdings Sdn Bhd)," she said after launching the Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival 2020 at the Malaysian Institute of Architects (PAM) here yesterday.

Zuraida said initial findings revealed that there were no problems with the soil and that the construction was in order.

The Address, a 202-unit, low-density residential project next to a school, began its construction at the end of 2017.

Taman Desa residents had complained of noise pollution and of the developer ignoring construction regulations set by City Hall.

On Jan 23, 2018, a crane toppled at the construction site and caused damage to an adjoining property, Tiara Faber condominium.

On a separate matter, Zuraida said the proposed Commercial Development Act might be incorporated into the existing Housing Development Act 1966.

She said the ministry would take into consideration feedback from the architectural fraternity.

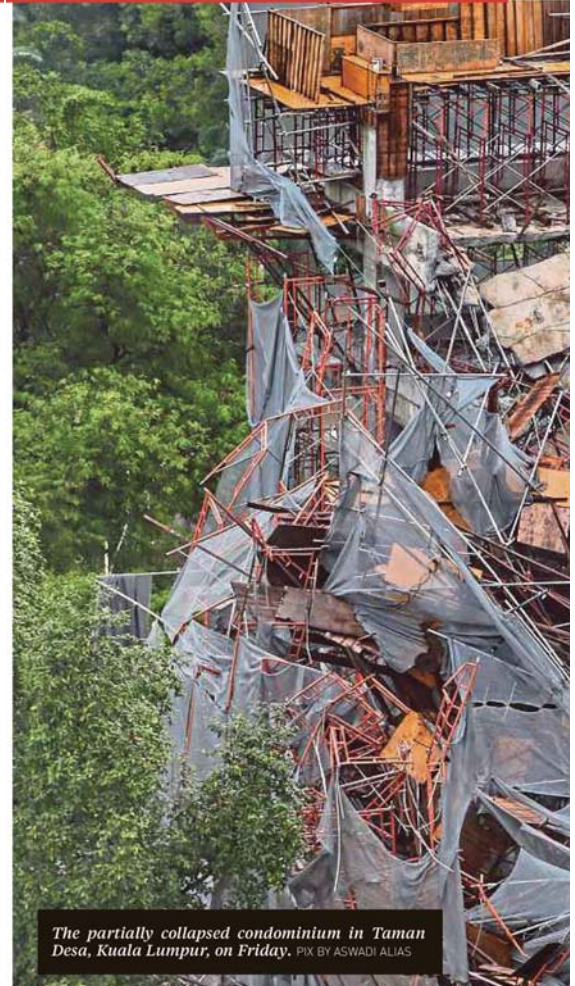
"Architects will play a more active role in the enactment of laws pertaining to development.

"PAM gave its input in the Housing Development Act proposal five or six years ago.

"We will try to incorporate the input in our think tank committee.

"The usual process (drafting of laws) does not include architects. But now, we will bring (architects) in to play a part in development.

"The government has targeted to build one million houses in 10 years (under the National Housing Policy)."



The partially collapsed condominium in Taman Desa, Kuala Lumpur, on Friday. PIX BY ASWADI ALIAS



Fire and Rescue Department personnel arriving at the scene in Taman Desa, Kuala Lumpur, on Friday.

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