
Media Statement by Save Taman Rimba Kiara Working Group, Persatuan Penduduk Rumah Panjang Bukit Kiara & Taman Tun Dr Ismail Residents' Association dated 18 April 2023

This morning the Federal Court delivered its decision on the Taman Rimba Kiara matter via an online Zoom session. The Federal Court panel, comprising Chief Judge of Malaya Y.A.A. Dato' Mohamad Zabidin Mohd. Diah, Y.A. Datuk Nallini Pathmanathan and Y.A. Dato Rhodzariah binti Bujang, unanimously decided that the development order obtained in 2017 by the joint venture of Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan and Developer Memang Perkasa Sdn Bhd for the Taman Rimba Kiara project is null and void. In doing so, the Federal Court panel re-affirmed the earlier decision of the Court of Appeal in Jan 2021 to nullify the said development order.

With this decision, the Federal Court has confirmed with finality that the 2017 Taman Rimba Kiara development order is quashed and cancelled.

This decision is a landmark victory for our community and neighbouring communities who have been relentless and unwavering in their fight and commitment to preserve Taman Rimba Kiara. Many of you may recall our first protest in 2016 and the many subsequent protests held throughout the years since. This long and difficult struggle has been possible because of our collective unity, perseverance and commitment to protect TTDI's green spaces against the might of unsustainable commercial interests, coupled with the staunch support of our Segambut MP YB Hannah Yeoh and her team, who have tirelessly championed the welfare of the longhouse community and the preservation of Taman Rimba Kiara.

We thank our outstanding legal team, Prof. Datuk Gurdial S Nijar, Aliff Benjamin Suhaimi, Abraham Au, Christopher Leong, Phoebe Loi and Joyce Pang for their indefatigable courage, steadfast commitment, partnership & steely perseverance over the past 6.5 years, unswervingly pursuing this legal battle through the courts system until its apex at the Federal Court, resulting in today's landmark decision.

Concurrent with today's decision, we call on Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan, new Datuk Bandar Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim (retaining oversight of KL administration via Jabatan Wilayah Persekutuan under the PM's Office) to do the following:

1. New, permanent housing for the 100 longhouse families

Let us now work together to deliver affordable, low density, permanent housing for the longhouse residents within the existing 4 acres of the Rumah Panjang. We have previously outlined a viable alternative plan to deliver such housing for the longhouse residents and we call on Datuk Bandar KL and the Prime Minister to work with us on delivering the same. Permanent housing can be delivered without having to destroy the adjacent green area in Taman Rimba Kiara.

2. Respect the KL Structure Plan 2020 and leave Taman Rimba Kiara as it is – a wonderful green public park!

The Federal Court and Court of Appeal have been clear that the KL Structure Plan 2020 (gazetted 2004) is legally binding. The KL Structure Plan 2020 identified Taman Rimba Kiara as a city park and a public green space. We call on the Datuk Bandar and the Prime Minister to ensure that all necessary action is now taken to demonstrate compliance with the KL Structure Plan 2020. All administrative actions that have attempted to change the zoning/land use status of Taman Rimba Kiara (known as PT 9244) including via the KL Local Plan 2020 are, by virtue of the Federal Court decision, null and void. PT 9244's status as a city park and public green space should be restored, both in the KL Local Plan 2020 and in all KL planning documents (whether current or future) including the KL Structure Plan 2040.

Let us now focus on doing the right thing, by working together to deliver permanent housing for the longhouse community, and concurrently preserving Taman Rimba Kiara for our future generations!

Leon Koay
Residents' Coordinator
Save Taman Rimba Kiara Working Group

Sivakumar Muniandy
Secretary
Persatuan Penduduk Rumah Panjang Bukit Kiara

Abdul Hafiz Abu Bakar - Immediate Past Chairman
Clinton Ang - Immediate Past Deputy Chairman
Taman Tun Dr Ismail Residents' Association

Contact: Abdul Hafiz Abu Bakar - hafiz.jds1@gmail.com (019 3359609)

#TamanRimbaKiara #SaveTamanRimbaKiara #RumahPanjangBukitKiara
#SelamatkanTamanRimbaKiara #PersatuanPendudukRumahPanjangBukitKiara
#PerumahanMampanBukitKiara #HannahYeoh #FahmiFadzil #LimLipEng #Segambut
#KWP #DBKL #YayasanWP #MemangPerkasa #Malton #MahkamahRayuan #C4Center
#KhalidSamad #AzmanAbdullah #DatukBandarKL #KamarulzamanMatSalleh #TTDI
#TamanAwamBukitKiara #TRKNotTamanAwamBukitKiara #TTDIRA #NgaKorMing
#AnwarIbrahim #TheEdgeMalaysia #BFMRadio