

TTDI market to stay

GOOD DEAL: Minister says redevelopment plan is still being reviewed by City Hall and a win-win situation between the affected stakeholders should be achieved

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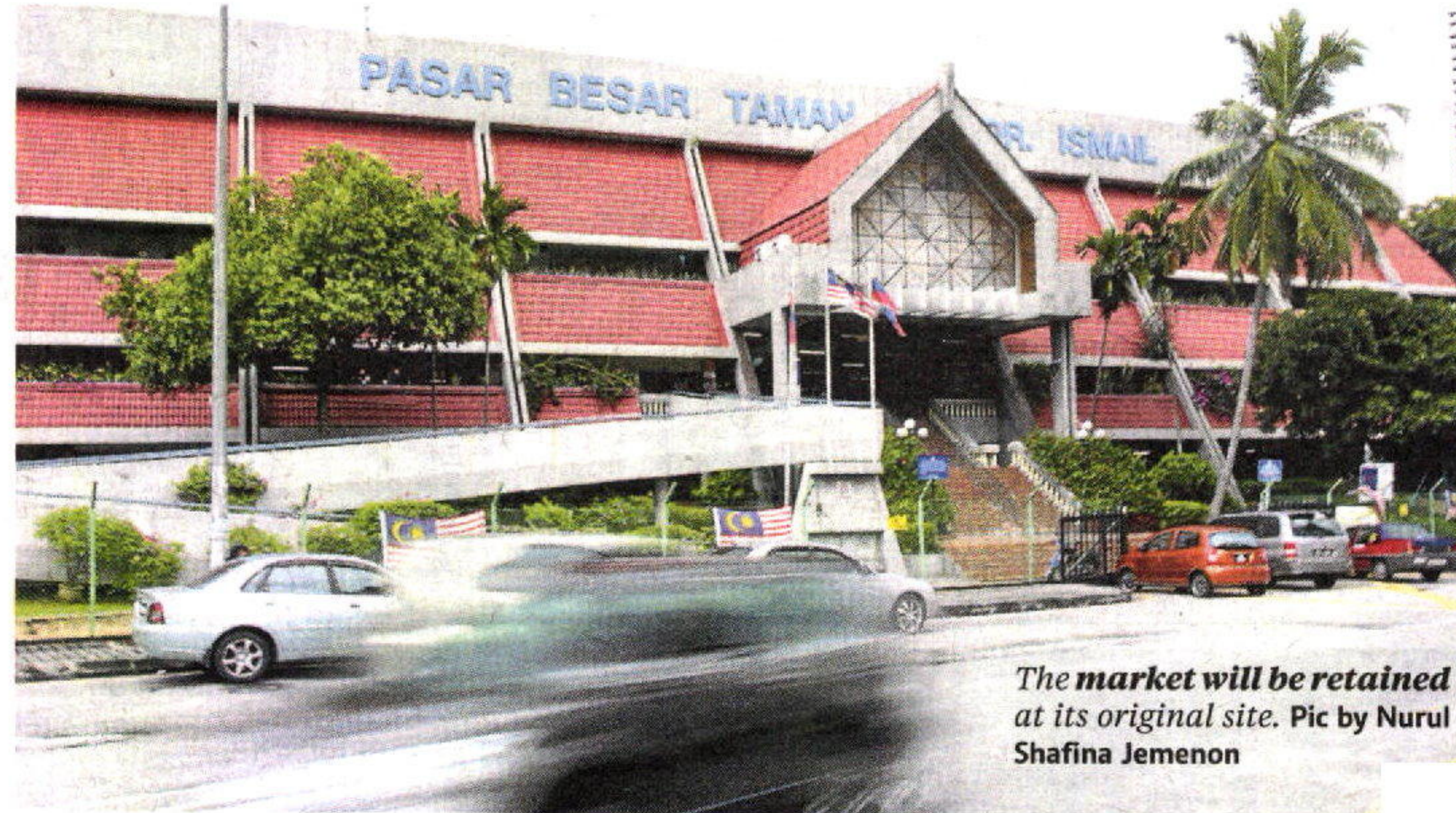
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THE Taman Tun Dr Ismail (TTDI) market will be retained at its original site. It will, however, be incorporated into the redevelopment of the area.

The Federal Territories and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin in a meeting with the TTDI market action committee representatives at his office here, said the redevelopment is still in the pipeline.

"There has been no confirmation on the redevelopment project as City Hall had only received a proposal submitted by a developer," said Raja Nong Chik.

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The market will be retained at its original site. Pic by Nurul Shafina Jemenon

City Hall still reviewing plans

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He said City Hall is still reviewing the plans and will also look into the feedback from the affected stakeholders.

"There was a bit of miscommunication on the redevelopment of the market area as there were also plans to have the My Rapid Transit (MRT) station built near the market," he said.

Raja Nong Chik is in favour of having the MRT station near the market as it will be a boost for businesses here.

"However, the redevelopment of the market should be discussed between the developer and the traders to ensure a win-win solution," he said.

Raja Nong Chik said the reviewing of the proposal may take up to a year.

"Traders would also need to be relocated and a temporary site had already been identified, which is at the open car park 500m away from the market," he

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said.

Meanwhile, the TTDI market association chairman Jenny Loo said the news brings relief to the anxious traders as a majority of traders want the market to stay.

However, she said, a lot of issues need to be further discussed with the affected parties before any redevelopment project proceeds.

Also present at the meeting were Kuala Lumpur Mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail and the TTDI residents' association chairman Mohd Hatim Abdullah.

Fuad said the redevelopment proposal was received last year and there were also plans to build a multilevel parking complex on the 1.34ha market land, which will be integrated in the proposed TTDI-MRT station project.

On New Year's Eve, the traders staged a peaceful protest, objecting to the market's de-



Tan Sri Ahmad Fuad Ismail (left) greeting Jenny Lo. With them are **Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin** (right), officials and TTDI market association members. Pic by Fakhurrazzi Usuldin

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News had spread that the market building was slated for demolition as City Hall had given a nod to a condominium project to be built on the site.

"There was a proposal to build the MRT station on the site where the former Caltex petrol station stood.

"It was also proposed that the station be linked to the parking complex to be built next to the market but the idea is still being dis-

cussed," said Fuad.

Hatim said although the redevelopment project would be a boon to property value in TTDI, the authorities should also do a traffic assessment study in the surrounding areas as there is a lot of ongoing development currently taking place.

"Developments in TTDI have already reached maximum capacity and authorities should find ways to ensure future developments do not cause any hardship."