

Jalan Sultan landowners will send memo to PM this week

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A MEMORANDUM signed by more than 400 NGOs supporting the cause of Jalan Sultan landowners in their tussle with MRT Corporation (MRT Corp) over land acquisition in the city's Chinatown area, will be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak this week.

It will be handed over to Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Abdul Aziz, said landowner Kwong Fook Wing.

The 64-year-old tailor, whose family has lived and carried out their business in Jalan Sultan for five generations spanning 100 years, said he hoped Najib would listen to their grouses.

"Datuk Seri Nazri has been sympathetic with our situation and has promised to speak on our behalf to the PM. We hope the PM will listen," Kwong told *The Malay Mail*.

He said a delegation met with Nazri yesterday afternoon to confirm the minister's support for them. This, however, could not be clarified with the minister at press time.

Kwong also criticized Transport Minister Datuk Seri Kong Cho Ha for his lack of comments on this matter.

"It's almost as if he's distancing himself from this issue," he said.

Kuala Lumpur and Chinese Assembly Hall secretary-general Yong Yew Wei, who represents the Committee for Preserving Jalan Sultan, said no mutual agreements had been signed between the landowners and MRT Corp.

"MRT Corp has not yet prepared any mutual agreement whatsoever for the landowners," he said.