

# Owners can still sign agreement

**TIME'S UP:** My Rapid Transit Corporation says the Points of Agreement is still on the table but it cannot wait much longer because there is a deadline to meet

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**J**ALAN Sultan property owners who have not signed the Points of Agreement (POA) with My Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp) can still do so, said a source from the company.

He said it was up to the Federal Territory Land and Minerals office to proceed with the land acquisition process, but owners could still opt for the POA.

"MRT Corp is still willing to assist the property owners, within a reasonable time frame. We can't wait forever because there is a deadline to meet. The POA is still on the table. All the property owners need to do is write to us," he said.

Property owners in Jalan Sultan were given until the end of last month to sign the POA, failing which their properties would be ac-

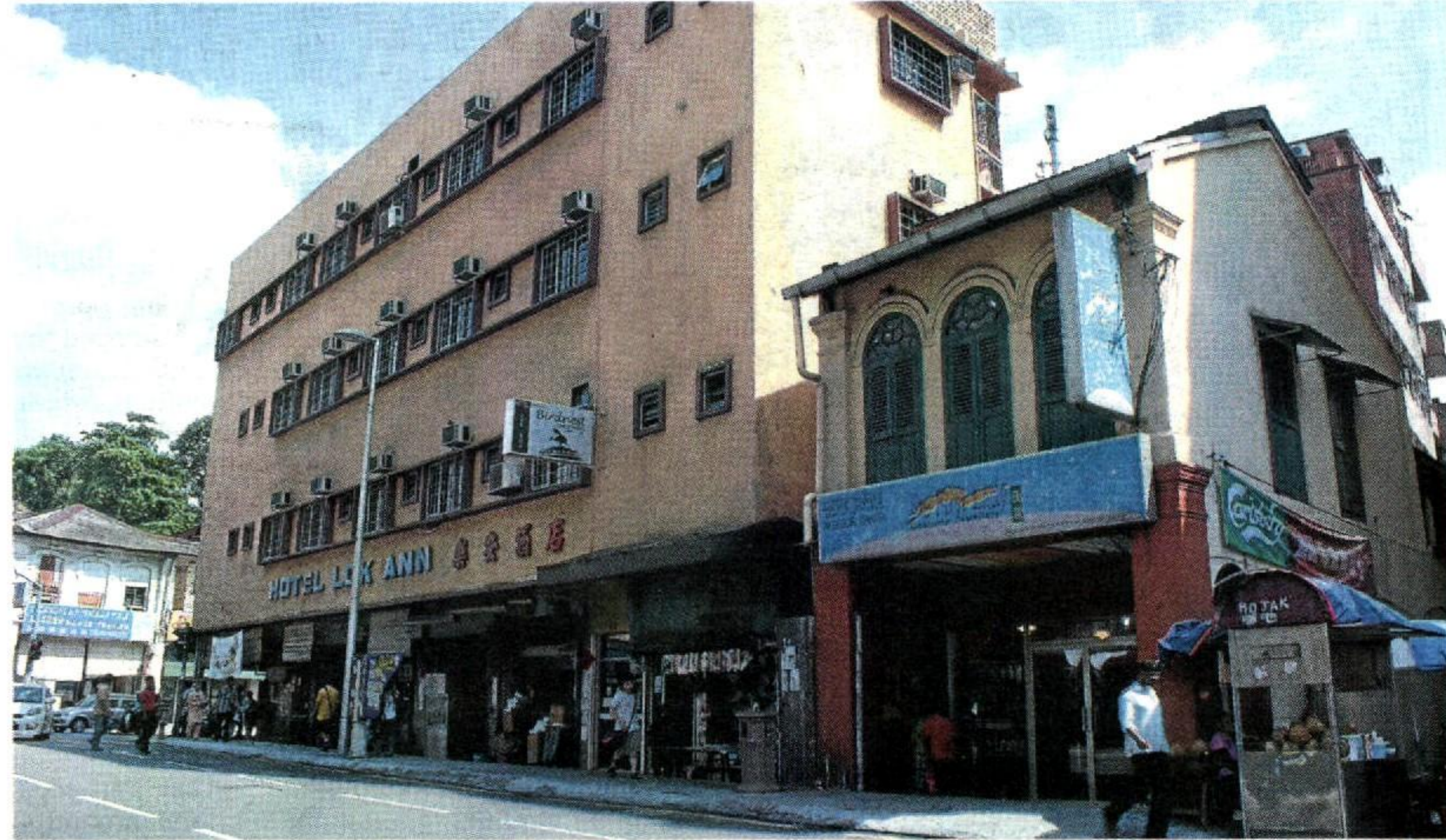
quired for the Sungai Buloh-Kajang My Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

The source said the POA was essential at this stage as the company appointed for the project couldn't start work without the consent of the property owners.

"The land acquisition process was on hold until the end of February. The owners still have a chance before the land acquisition takes place. It is now up to them to decide on the status of their property," he said.

The source said the land acquisition would be carried out in accordance with sections four and eight of the Land Acquisition Act 1960.

MRT Corp had said that only six of the 23 property owners affected by the project had signed the POA. Under the POA, the occupants will have to relocate for a maximum of six months and their land titles will be endorsed with a statement recognising the existence of the tunnel



MRT Corp said **only six of the 23 property owners signed the Points of Agreement.** Pic by Adib Rawi

beneath it.

MRT Corp had also said that the corporation had no intention of acquiring or demolishing the shoplots but it was running out of time for negotiations as the project had to be completed by July 2017.

MRT Corp also said that the land acquisition process was initiated before MRT Corp was established. The MRT project line will start in Sungai Buloh, cut through the city centre to Kajang, involving a distance of 51km.

There will be a 9.5km underground tunnel between Jalan Semantan and Taman Maluri.

The objective of the project is to encourage more people to use public transport, alleviate traffic congestion and cut down travel time.