

Panel: Landowners didn't sign MRT deal

NONE of the 23 landowners along Jalan Sultan affected in the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project has signed a legally-binding agreement with the developers to vacate their premises.

Yong Yew Wei, co-chairman of the Committee to Preserve Jalan Sultan and Jalan Bukit Bintang, said

the landowners did not sign any mutual agreement, but only a statement on the points of agreement which were not legally binding.

He was clarifying a statement by Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Awang Adek on Tuesday, who told Parliament that 21 out of the 23 landowners had signed an agree-

ment with MRT Corp and would receive compensation for vacating the premises and loss of business.

"The Prime Minister will decide on this very soon, and hope that a solution can be found and residents will not need to vacate their properties for seven years," Yong said at the Parliament lobby yesterday.