

Setting the record right

We have no hidden agenda, says MRT CEO

By **FAZLEENA AZIZ**
and **FADZILAH NAJUMUDEEN**
metro@thestar.com.my

ONLY three property owners out of the 21 in Jalan Sultan have not signed the agreement with the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation (MRT Corp), said its chief executive officer, Datuk Azhar Abdul Hamid.

Azhar said another two had asked for the lots to be acquired.

Under the agreement mooted by MRT Corp, the occupants will have to relocate for a maximum of six months and their land titles would be endorsed with a statement recognising the existence of the tunnel beneath it.

Jalan Sultan will be the location of the Pasar Seni station, one of the seven underground, along the 51km route of the Sungai Buloh-Kajang Line.

Azhar said the three property owners were referring to their lawyers.

"We do not know when they will get back to us but we will leave it to the Government to deal with them if they refuse to sign the agreement.

"There has been some misleading information regarding this matter, so I do not know what their objective is.

"The alignment is the most appropriate with good catchment and integrates with the Pasar Seni LRT. If we move to Jalan Tun Tan Chen Lock, there will be issues on integration and involve more properties," Azhar told reporters in Jalan Tun H.S. Lee yesterday.

He added that people should be



Centre of dispute: Under the agreement the occupants will have to relocate for a maximum of six months.

more responsible and be aware of the facts as MRT Corp did not have any hidden agenda.

A small group of protesters told Azhar that they wanted a public hearing.

The protesters, members of the Gospel Hall and tenant of Hotel Lok Ann, insisted it was their right to have a public hearing on the matter as Jalan Sultan was a heritage of Kuala Lumpur.

Azhar said he tried talking to them but could not find a common ground.

"If they give us a list of questions, we will answer all of them and publish them in the newspaper if needed. They can always come back to us with their queries and concerns," he said.

The MRT work is expected to be completed by early 2016 in Jalan Sultan.



Making way: Uda Ocean demolished for the MRT project.