

No decision yet on BB Plaza

UDA waiting for ministry to pick company for reconstruction

UDA HOLDINGS BHD is waiting for a decision from the Finance Ministry on Tradewinds (M) Bhd's application to take part in the Bukit Bintang Plaza shopping complex building reconstruction.

UDA Holdings' managing director, Ahmad Abu Bakar, said it received applications from Tradewinds and other companies who are keen on the project.

The building, the symbol of bumiputra business in the Golden Triangle area, is expected to be demolished early next year.

"MRT Corp has given us until year-end to vacate. Eviction notice will be issued to tenants soon," he said after a dialogue with the tenants yesterday.

Last Tuesday, about 50 traders staged a protest outside



GOING DOWN: The front view of BB Plaza that is due for demolition

the complex, claiming they were sidelined in the tripartite negotiations between the Finance Ministry, MRT Corp and UDA Holdings on the shopping complex's future.

The tenants' representative, Hassan Saad, said they hoped UDA Holdings would defend their interests.

"We want an assurance on the future of our business after the complex is demolished," he said.

"We also hope that after the complex has been redeveloped, we, as the pioneer tenants, will be given priority to occupy the new premises."

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