

BB Plaza traders up in arms

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TWO hundred traders of Bukit Bintang Plaza gathered there, yesterday, to pressure owner Uda Holdings Berhad to provide answers regarding the mall's demolition.

They said they were unaware that it needed to make way for the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit project and that they had spent thousands of ringgit upgrading their outlets, a

few months ago.

BB Plaza tenant association chairman Hassan Saad said Uda Holdings had instructed tenants to upgrade their outlets to give the shopping mall a facelift.

"Some received written notices, some were informed verbally to upgrade our premises if we wanted to continue doing business. Now, it's a different story and they insist we vacate," said Hassan.

The 38-year-old plaza has 167 tenants, 60 per cent of whom are bumiputras.

"At our meeting on Tuesday, Uda Holdings did not mention the demolition or that we need to vacate," Hassan said.

He said only three tenants were given circulars to vacate by the end of the month.

After the protest, the traders headed to Putrajaya to hand over a memorandum to Datuk Seri Najib Razak. It was accepted by Najib's political secretary Datuk Khazali Ibrahim at 2.30pm.

On Monday, Uda Holdings said that it was waiting for



DON'T THROW US OUT! Protest by BB Plaza tenants and workers, yesterday

a decision from the Finance Ministry on the application by Tradewinds (M) Bhd to

participate in the Bukit Bintang Plaza shopping complex reconstruction.

It also confirmed MRT Corp had given them until the end of the year to vacate.