



The protest at the entrance to the BB Plaza.

# BB tenants protest against demolition

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Bukit Bintang Plaza tenants held a protest yesterday against the demolition of the shopping mall to make way for the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) project.

The 200-strong crowd carried placards protesting the closure of the mall. Urging members to dig their heels in, tenants pro tem committee chairman Hassan Saad called on UDA Holdings Bhd, the

building owner, to look after the tenants' welfare.

"For the past 20 years, the tenants have contributed to UDA's revenue. On Tuesday, UDA representatives told us to evacuate at the end of the year. We want them to address this issue," he said.

Later in Putrajaya, Hassan submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak to seek his intervention to stop the demolition. The memorandum was received by the prime

minister's special officer Datuk Ghazali Ibrahim.

Hassan said among others, the committee wanted Najib to take action against UDA Holdings' personnel "as they have been inconsistent in their statements to the media".

He also said the temporary closure of the shopping mall's entrance early next month will hamper the tenants business during the Ramadan.

Hassan estimated that the tenants could lose 80% of their income.