



**TAMAN TUN DR ISMAIL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2016/2018**

**MEDIA STATEMENT**

March 14, 2018 was a sad day for residents and park lovers alike. We were shocked and outraged to discover that work has commenced onsite at Taman Rimba Kiara (TRK), Taman Tun Dr Ismail. The destruction of the pristine and lush TRK began with the felling of several trees and land clearing at the upper section of the 40 plus year old park. To make matters worse, a notice was put up announcing the closure of the main entrance to TRK.

There is a pending Judicial Review application at the Kuala Lumpur High Court seeking to affirm the legality of the Development Order issued by DBKL for this proposed project on TRK. Case management has been fixed for April 18. Joint property developers Malton Berhad and Yayasan Wilayah Persekutuan have displayed bad faith and arrogance by showing absolutely no regard whatsoever to this ongoing legal suit that has yet to be concluded.

Residents are also dismayed over the high-handed attitude and unilateral action of DBKL in allowing the project to proceed. This despite the repeated outpour of public objections and appeals. This appalling attitude of DBKL has in many ways created very negative perceptions amongst the Rakyat. The Rakyat believes that local government should act firstly in the interest of the public and not to ignore and disregard their merit based trepidations and concerns. After all the Rakyat have been supportive of the government's slogan "Rakyat Di Dahulukan, Pencapaian Di Utamakan". In this particular situation, it is no fault of the people to feel desperate and helpless. They now realize they cannot rely on a local government agency like DBKL to promote their well being.

It is with this sense of despair that we seek the attention, compassion and help of the Prime Minister YAB Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to immediately halt the destruction of Taman Rimba Kiara for the benefit of the Malaysian people for generations to come.

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