

Plot for villagers affected by project

THE Perak Government has allocated a 4.2ha plot at Padang Rengas in Kuala Kangsar for the relocation of villagers affected by the electrified double-tracking project in the area.

Kuala Kangsar district officer Datuk Mohd Ghazali Jalal said the state was in the process of acquiring the land and hoped to get it done soon.

"The state is committed to help

the 64 families affected by the project," he said on Thursday.

Mohd Ghazali was speaking to reporters at Sungai Siput after Transport Minister Datuk Seri Ong Tee Keat presented consolation money to Sungai Siput villagers affected by the project.

Mohd Ghazali said if the villagers were not happy with the compensation they received, they could seek legal address.

It was reported on Dec 31 that an operation to demolish several houses and a mosque in Padang Rengas to facilitate the project turned into a three-hour stand-off.

One of the house owners, identified only as Roslan, 51, refused to budge from his double-storey wooden house despite the presence of excavators that were tearing down the structure.



All smiles: The Sungai Siput villagers showing the compensation money they rec