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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The degazette-ment of the Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve (KLNFR) or any other reserve in the country would derail Malaysia's carbon intensity reduction target that was presented to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Environment and Water Minister Datuk Seri Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said the target would be de-railed if Selangor continued with its plan to degazette the KLNFR for redevelopment.

"The degazette-ment of KLNFR

or other forest reserves will im-pact the target of 45 per cent car-bon intensity reduction by 2030 under the nation's Nationally De-termined Contribution present-ed to the UNFCCC this year.

"I support the statement by the energy and natural resources min-ister (Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Has-san), who disagreed with Selan-gor's proposal to degazette the KL-NFR," he said yesterday.

Takiyuddin had said the fed-eral government objected to Se-langor's move to degazette 500ha of the KLNFR.

On Aug 30, Selangor Tourism, Environment, Green Technology and Orang Asli committee chair-man Hee Loy Sian told the State Legislative Assembly that the state had degazetted 536.7ha of the KL-NFR slated for development under Section 12 of the National Forestry Act (Adoption) Enactment 1985.

Hee said it was approved during a state executive council meeting on May 5 and validated in another meeting on May 19.

On the proposed development near the Sungai Panjang Forest Reserve in Sabak Bernam, Tuan



The Kuala Langat North Forest Reserve in Selangor. FILE PIC

Ibrahim said the Department of Environment (DoE) had yet to re-ceive an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the plan.

He was referring to the stop-work order issued by the DoE to the Selangor State Agriculture Corporation in April over forest clearing it carried out for a pro-posed oil palm plantation before

an EIA was submitted.

"Any decision on whether de-velopment at the Sungai Panjang Forest Reserve should continue is subject to the EIA. The ministry is ready to hold consultations with Selangor to find the best so-lution to this issue.

"The ministry's priority is to en-sure every development project is sustainable."