In April this year, the government unveiled its plans for Little India in Brickfields, KL. A report in The Star came complete with an artist's impression of the district. You can view it here . The

upgrading works involved temporarily relocating the many stalls lining the main street of Brickfields to the playfield at Jalan Chan Ah Tong causing some disdain among the traders . But under the guise of progress and development comes a catch. Sun2Surf reported:

"Federal Territories and Urban Well-being Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal said the cabinet had decided to give Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad (MRCB) the land two months ago and that the company had submitted a proposal for commercial development to the federal government...

Raja Nong Chik said there was a possibility that the government quarters would be torn down. However, the Chan Ah Tong field, which is gazetted as a green area, will be preserved. he said."

Outrageous, says JAYANATH APPUDURAI

THE breaking news hit me like a thunder-bolt. The Brickfields I grew up in was going to change forever.

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No matter ... the spirit of the yet untouched piece of turf, these 'warriors' were fighting a
rear-guard battle to protect the generations before them, the beloved 'Chan Ah Tong'.

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Perhaps, the wild nest will take a leaf from our generations of happy-go-lucky children that have, for many years, played with the century-old trees

JALAN CHAN AH TONG
AWAS

Multi-storey car parks and hawker centres have their utility, but the beauty endowed by Mother

We hope that Chan Ah Tong will be released soon and be reunited with his family. We sincerely pray that good sense prevails and