

Tenants must ask for permits

INDIAN, coloured and mixed families who want to live in the white residential area of Albert Park must now apply to the Natal Provincial Administration for permits, according to the Director of the Department of Development Planning, Mr John Fourie.

He said today his department did not handle applications for "disqualified persons" wanting to live in any white area.

He confirmed, however, that his department had sent out notices

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to white landlords informing them that their properties would be sold unless they cleared "disqualified persons" from their premises.

"We have not issued any notices to Indian and coloured families to leave their homes. We issued notices only to the landlords," said Mr Fourie.

The president of the Durban Central Residents' Association, Mr

Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, who is acting for a number of Indian, coloured and mixed families who have been given quit notices by their landlords, said today only if the Department took the pressure off landlords would they, in turn, withdraw notices given to tenants who were not white.

"It is clear to us that if the department does not pressure landlords, they in turn will not force out Indian and coloured families," said Mr Mohamed.

He said the association had telexed Mr Nic Badenhorst, deputy Minister of Development Planning, asking him to take the pressure off landlords. However, Mr Badenhorst had not yet replied.