

MAHATHIR -- COMMITTEE

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IPOH, JULY 1 (BERNAMA) — THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE SET UP BY THE PERAK UMNO IS NOT TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER JOURNALISTS IN IPOH HAVE BEEN GIVEN HOUSING LAND BY THE GOVERNMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY.

+THAT QUESTION DOES NOT ARISE,+ THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID, ADDING THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS TO INVESTIGATE CLAIMS THAT FORMER MINING LAND HAD BEEN GIVEN BACK TO MINERS OR OTHER TOWKAYS FOR HOUSING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO PERAK UMNO CHAIRMAN, WAS REPORTED IN EARLY JUNE AS HAVING SAID THAT A COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER HAJI AHMAD AZIZUDDIN HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN TO INVESTIGATE INTO THE PROVISION OF HOUSING LAND TO JOURNALISTS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE PERAK BRANCH OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HERE, HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS CHAIRED BY MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI WAN MOHAMED HAJI WAN TEH. — BERNAMA 1920/YF