

Cars: Buy local, PM tells Ministers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today directed all Ministers, Deputy Ministers and parliamentary secretaries to buy locally-assembled cars when they want to change their vehicles.

The Prime Minister issued the directive at the weekly Cabinet meeting.

Information Minister Datuk Rais Yatim told reporters after the meeting that the move was to show that the Government was sincere in

implementing its "Buy Malaysian" campaign.

The move would not only help save on foreign exchange but also have a positive effect on locally-produced goods, he said.

He also said senior Government officials who used official cars would be required to buy locally-assembled cars when they want to change their vehicles.

The Government would no longer allow imported cars to be used as official vehicles, he added.

Interviewed at Angkasapuri this evening, Datuk Rais said that Dr Mahathir at the Cabinet meeting also directed that the "Buy Malaysian" campaign be given top priority.

The Prime Minister had asked leaders and senior Government officials to take steps towards this end.

In this way, they would set a good example and convince the people to give preference to Malaysian-made goods.