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KUALA KUBU BARU, Sat. — Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** said the Government was willing to declassify documents on the Penang Bridge, Dayabumi building, Proton Saga and other Hicom projects if that is what it would take to convince people the decision-making had been above board.

"If there is any allegation on anything with regard to these projects, the people can read the documents which are official records," he told newsmen after opening the Hulu Selangor Umno division meeting here today. "The documents tell who attended the meetings, when and so on.

"These documents are still (classified) under the Official Secrets Act but if the Government feels that the people should know, (because) not knowing (the reasons) could create unrest, the Government will expose these documents from the start till the end."

To a question that rumours were being circulated about corruption, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said he was prepared to not only investigate but also take action against anyone if there was proof.

"I want to see the evidence," he

said. "It is easy to accuse someone of corruption. The people making the accusation, however, must be prepared to serve as witnesses and furnish proof and if it is found the allegations are untrue they will be charged with perjury so as to be fair to both sides."

In the campaigning for the April 24 Umno elections, several Umno candidates — including deputy president and former Deputy Prime Minister **Datuk Musa Hitam** yesterday — have described the Penang Bridge, Proton Saga and Dayabumi projects as prestige and luxury projects that had not been wise because the nation was facing financial constraints at the time.

Datuk Musa said that when he was in Government he had on several occasions tried to question the Government's venturing into heavy industries.

Dr Mahathir said documents pertaining to these projects were classified under the lesser categories of secrets and could be declassified if the Government felt that people could not understand why such projects were launched.

He said the documents were proceedings of meetings conducted by the National Security Council and the Cabinet. "They are not important secrets after all," he added.