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MAHATHIR'S OLD HOUSE TO BE MADE HISTORICAL PLACE

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ALOR SETAR, April 26 (Bernama)--The house where Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was born, in Lorong Kilang Ais, Jalan Pegawai, here, will be restored and turned into a historical place.

The Director-General of the National Archives, Datuk Zakiah Hanum Haji Abdul Hamid, said repair work on the wooden house would begin next month and the project was expected to be completed before the end of the year.

A total of \$240,000 had been allocated for the purpose, she told reporters at a religious ceremony at the house today.

Present at the ceremony were members of Dr Mahathir's family and representatives of the Kedah Historical Society.

Zakiah Hanum said the house, which had already been gazetted as a historical place, was also expected to attract tourists. It would be furnished with old items belonging to the Prime Minister since birth.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister's elder brother, Haji Mashahor, 68, when interviewed at the function, said he welcomed the move by the National Archives to restore the house as a historical place.

He said the house, already about 90 years old, was once used as the headquarters of a youth movement set up to oppose the Malayan Union. --
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