

Perang Besar is KL's twin city

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KLANG: Perang Besar, a place hardly known even to people in the Klang Valley, has been earmarked to become the nation's administrative capital as part of the government's efforts to create a twin city for Kuala Lumpur.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced yesterday that Perang Besar, 25km from the city, would house all government buildings, including the Prime Minister's office and other ministries.

Dr Mahathir said it would assume the role of an administrative city while Kuala Lumpur

would be turned into a commercial and financial city.

He said the twin city project would complement the nation's new international airport in Sepang.

"Billions of ringgit will be invested to develop the 8,000ha land into the administrative city."

Dr Mahathir said the

move was aimed at reducing congestion in the city and to spread out the functions evenly.

He said the Government had frozen land transactions there to prevent people from taking advantage of the situation.

He said the Government had approved the structural plan for the de-

velopment and work on the project was expected to start soon.

Dr Mahathir said the development and planning work would not require foreign expertise. Instead seven local companies and government agencies had designed the twin city.

Perang Besar, currently accessible through the

Kuala Lumpur-Seremban highway, is located near UPM.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib said a double-carriage highway would be built from Perang Besar and Sepang making the airport within the reach of the people in Klang Valley.