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Sabbaruddin-Museum

PM'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE TO MOVE TO PUTRAJAYA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will move to his new official residence in Putrajaya and his present residence here Sri Perdana will be turned into a museum to be known as Galeria Perdana.

It will complement the Galeria Perdana in Langkawi, Culture Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today.

The Cabinet today agreed to the ministry's proposal that Sri Perdana and the Prime Minister's office at the Kompleks Jabatan Perdana Menteri in Jalan Datuk Onn be retained as a historic building once the Prime Minister's Department moved to the new Federal Capital of Putrajaya.

Sri Perdana would house the souvenirs and decorations conferred on Dr Mahathir by world leaders and foreign governments as well as by local societies and the original setting at Sri Perdana would be preserved for the benefit visitors to the museum, he told a post Cabinet meeting press conference at his office here.

Work on Putrajaya in Sepang began last year and under phase one 1996-2000, the Prime Minister's Department, Finance Ministry and Federal government agencies now occupying rented premises here would shift there.

Under phase two from 2000 to 2005, the other agencies which had their own buildings here would move over to Putrajaya and their buildings here would probably be rented out.

Sabbaruddin, who is also Secretary-General of Umno, said once the Prime Minister's Department moved to its new premises in Putrajaya, the Prime Minister's office in Kuala Lumpur would be turned into the National Chief Executive Monument and the library in the department would become a Public Library.

All the buildings would be under the jurisdiction of the National Archives.

Sabbaruddin said the entire galleria project would cost about RM30 million and the Cabinet at its meeting today approved the amount. --

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