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Sabah leaders submit declaration of assets

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KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - Sabah Cabinet Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Assemblymen holding Government posts have submitted a fresh declaration of assets to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee said the declarations were submitted to Dr Mahathir early this month.

"We submitted the declaration to the Prime Minister in the first week of May," he said after performing the laying of the foundation stone for the new Chung Hwa school building here.

Yong was commenting on a statement by Dr Mahathir in the Dewan Negara on May 14 that action would be taken against Government leaders who lead a lifestyle beyond the income that they had declared when they were appointed and if they failed to disclose their assets accurately.

Asked what his advice would be to State Government leaders living beyond their means, Yong said that such question should be posed to the Inland Revenue Board.

On the proposed Kota Kinabalu City Centre, he said a meeting would be held next week to deliberate on the project.

"We have to make sure that everything is in place and all the details of the project are available before we make an official announcement," he said.

He also said that all problems that might possibly arise needed to be identified so that solutions could be found to ensure the smooth implementation of the proposed project.

The project is aimed at transforming the State capital into a prime commercial centre as it moved towards attaining city status next year.

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