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Selangor MB has explained renovation says PM

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that Datuk Abu Hassan Omar had explained to him about the RM5 million renovation for the Selangor Menteri Besar's official residence.

"He explained to me before he went on a trip abroad ... the decision (to renovate the residence) was made before the trouble," he told reporters in Langkawi yesterday.

The Prime Minister had earlier conducted a fleet review of the maritime segment of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (Lima '97).

He was asked to comment on a news report about the renovation cost of the Menteri Besar's official residence.

Dr Mahathir said Abu Hassan told him that he is still staying in Kuala Lumpur and has yet to move into the residence.

Asked if he thinks the RM5 million renovation cost was excessive, he said: "I don't know whether that is a lot of money or not ...

"We are poor people now ... people have stolen US\$20 billion from us, we have to live within our means."

The official residence of the Selangor Menteri Besar was renovated based on recommendations by the Public Works Department and endorsed by the state executive council.

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