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Squatters' memorandum for Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - A group of squatters today submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to protest a recent Cabinet decision to take stern action against squatters and those encroaching Government land.

The group, calling themselves Urban Pioneers, among others, asked for a review of the decision.

They also urged the Government to introduce a uniform low-cost housing policy.

The memorandum was handed over to Dr Mahathir's political secretary Datuk Abdul Aziz Shamsuddin at the entrance to the Prime Minister's Department in Jalan Dato Onn.

Urban Pioneers spokesman Mohd Salleh Ahmad said the squatters were willing to move out if they were given alternative accommodation.

He said at meetings at State level, squatters had voiced concern over the move to use the police and military to evict them.

The Cabinet which met in late September also gave the green light to local authorities to disconnect water, electricity and telecommunication facilities to squatter settlements.

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