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NOT AWARE OF ATTEMPTS TO TOPPLE ME, SAYS ABU HASSAN

SHAH ALAM, April 16 (Bernama) -- Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar said today he is not aware of any groups taking advantage of the various issues faced by the state to topple him.

"I'm here to carry out my duties. If there are people harbouring ill feelings on me, it's up to the people to defend me," he told reporters after opening the office of the People's Progressive Party (PPP), here.

He said he would continue to discharge his duties as Menteri Besar and work to solve the various problems faced by Selangor now.

He said this when commenting on a newspaper report today that his 125-day stay in a hotel here, while his official residence was under renovation, cost the state government more than \$75,000.

The report said his driver also stayed at the hotel enjoying facilities equivalent to that of a Division One government officer.

Abu Hassan said he would ask the state Financial Officer Datuk Abdul Aziz Yusof to submit a report on the issue to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad if he was asked to do so. -- BERNAMA

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