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`Selangor MB did no wrong'

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SELANGOR Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar did not commit any offence when he stayed in a hotel during the renovations of the states' official residence, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Government administrative officials including ministers and menteris besar are allowed to stay in hotels when their official residences are not ready for occupation.

"I stayed at Mirama Hotel before the completion of my official residence when I was the Education Minister. This is provided for," he told reporter after calling on Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who was in Kuala Lumpur for a four-day state visit beginning yesterday.

On Wednesday, the Selangor State Legislative Assembly was told that the Selangor government spent close to RM40,000 for Abu Hassan's accomodation during his 125 days stay at Radisson Hotel Shah Alam when renovation works were carried out on the Menteri Besar official residence.

Yesterday, a local daily reported the Anti Corruption Agency is investigating the possibility of a misappropriation in government funds and false claims during Abu Hassan's stay in the hotel.

The ACA collected bills amounting to RM75,000, instead of the RM40,000 disclosed in the state assembly for the 125 days stay.

The amount include payments for Abu Hassan's driver who was accorded a Division One official entitlement.

When asked on the ACA investigations, Prime Minister was said: "I do not know about this."

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