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CRONIES OF FORMER NATIONAL LEADER HAVE RM230 MILLION DEPOSITS, SAYS MAHATHIR

JITRA, May 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today cronies of a former national leader have deposits amounting to RM230 million.

"When he had the power, the former leader made his friends millionaires until they could travel round the world and live in luxury overseas for months," he said when opening the Kubang Pasu Umno division delegates meeting, here.

The money was used by the cronies to pay rioters in the federal capital, he said.

"How did they get the money?" he said.

However, Dr Mahathir did not name the parties involved.

He said this when dismissing allegations that Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Megat Junid Megat Ayob has RM40 million deposited in the Bank of Israel.

Speaking to reporters later, he said he could not reveal the identities of the cronies.

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