

08 APR 1999

PARLIAMENT: LOCAL CONTENT FOR PM'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 8 (Bernama) -- The prime minister's official residence in Putrajaya used 70 per cent local building materials and internal fittings, the Dewan Rakyat was told today.

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad himself had requested that locally-produced building materials and fittings be given preference over imported ones.

"I met the prime minister and asked him about it and he said that if the house is 100 per cent made of imported materials he would not occupy it," Megat Junid said in reply to a supplementary question from Haji Wan Mohamed Jamin Wan Mahmood (PAS-Tumpat).

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali, when met at the Parliament lobby, said allegations in the PAS newspaper, Harakah, about the cost of the official residence were untrue and malicious.

He said the house in Putrajaya was the prime minister's official residence and not his private property as claimed by PAS.

-- BERNAMA

MHI JK