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Cyberjaya not included in FT plan

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BANTING, Mon. - The proposal to turn Putrajaya into a federal territory does not include the adjacent Cyberjaya, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"It will solely involve Putrajaya, and not Cyberjaya," he told reporters after opening the Megasteel Sdn Bhd steel mill, here, today.

Dr Mahathir said any decision on the matter required the approval of the Selangor Government as Putrajaya and Cyberjaya were located within the State.

"We have to wait for their (the State Government's) approval. If they don't agree, they will take back the area," said Dr Mahathir.

Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Mohd Khir Toyo had earlier said that the State Executive Council would convene a meeting on Nov 7 to discuss the matter.

Asked about comments made by the Opposition on the matter, Dr Mahathir said the Opposition would make issues out of anything, and would never be satisfied with any agreement on the Putrajaya issue.

"If we gave them RM1 million, they would say, 'look, they are only giving RM1 million, it should be RM2 million'.

"The Opposition has never said 'thank you'. Whatever is given to them they will criticise and turn it into an issue."

On the status of the Dengkil State constituency, in which Putrajaya is located, should the federal territory proposal be accepted, Dr Mahathir said:

"We can have other constituencies, such as in Kuala Lumpur."

When Kuala Lumpur became a federal territory on Feb 1, 1974, five Selangor State constituencies ceased to exist.

Yesterday, Dengkil Assemblyman Datuk Mohd Sharif Jajang was quoted as saying that his constituency would have to be "realigned" if Putrajaya became a federal territory.

He said this was because Putrajaya, which covered an area of about 48,000 hectares, accounted for about 20 per cent of the Dengkil State constituency.

Dr Mahathir was also asked to comment on the recent spate of kidnapping, murder and rape cases publicised by the media.

Today, several newspapers front-paged reports of an Indonesian maid who allegedly ran away with her employer's child. The child was "rescued" by some villagers in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, who spotted the maid with the 15-month-old boy.

News reports today also highlighted the rape and murder of a six-year-old girl whose body was found in Selayang Baru, near Kuala Lumpur, last night.

Dr Mahathir said: "If there are people who set a bad example, others will surely follow."

Asked whether the spate of cases warranted a review of the Mental Health Act, which is expected to be amended in Parliament soon, Dr Mahathir said it was already underway.

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