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PM WANTS ISSUANCE OF CF FOR PUTRAJAYA HOMES EXPEDITED

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today directed the authorities concerned to expedite the issuance of certificate of fitness for occupancy for homes in Putrajaya, the new federal administrative capital.

The Prime Minister said he did not wish to see bureaucratic red tape impede CF issuance since the process was a normal exercise.

"We know that thousands of homes are built here. Inspecting each and everyone of the units will take time. As in the case of high rise blocks taking a random sample should suffice," he said.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after attending the family day for staff of the Prime Minister's department at the Wetlands Park here today.

The prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali was present.

Dr Mahathir said he learnt of the CF problem from one of his bodyguards upon inquiring his reason for not moving to Putrajaya yet despite having bought a house here sometime back.

Earlier, when opening the get-together, Dr Mahathir said he was perplexed that Putrajaya was still rather sparsely populated despite the thousands of units of homes already and being erected.

"I ask why there are no people..apparently because CF was not yet available. Here we are talking about government officers themselves, why don't they issue the CF to each other, why take so long a time," he said evoking laughter from the crowd.

Dr Mahathir said despite being one of the earliest residents here, staying in Putrajaya still made him lonely.

"The only person ahead of me was the former chief secretary to the government Tan Sri Abdul Halim Ali.

"After Tan Sri Halim, I am Putrajaya's second resident. I am longing to see more people in Putrajaya," he said.

The prime minister said the Election Commission had informed him that Putrajaya, despite being an electoral constituency, only has an electorate of 28.

In lighter vein, he said commission chairman Datuk Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman had told him that this augured well as there would be few objections when it displayed the Putrajaya electoral roll for verification.

"It is my hope that more people will move here and make Putrajaya no longer a lonely place. Then we can organise not only family days but also visit one another and foster closer interaction among us," he said.

There was ample opportunity for interaction among Putrajaya residents because not many countries have such an administrative capital, Dr Mahathir added.

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