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Show of wealth by elected representatives must be checked

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RECENTLY, at a gathering in Perak, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged elected representatives not to flaunt their wealth.

Those of us who were present support this.

One cannot but notice the transformation in wealth, expenditure and flirtation with a newly-found "bourgeois lifestyle" of several elected representatives, which cannot be reconciled with the legitimate earnings of their office.

Luxury cars, ownership of expensive landed properties in the country and abroad, expensive jewellery and cash deposits in foreign banks seem to be the order of the day.

Some without any guilt or fear display their "newly acquired wealth" during family occasions like weddings and birthdays.

Several drastic but well-needed measures must be taken.

For example, limit the tenure of elected representatives at State-level to two terms. Also the proactive changes should include the "manner and procedure" present candidates are selected for both State and