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Taman Midah folk want new beat base

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TAMAN Midah residents in Cheras, Kuala Lumpur plan to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the demolition of the police beat base in their area.

The residents are concerned that although the beat base at Jalan Midah Besar was torn down last week, there are no plans to build a new one in its place.

The base had served as a meeting place for Rukun Tetangga and Rela activities in Taman Midah.

Following City Hall's decision to tear down the building to facilitate the construction of a link road connecting Jalan Midah Besar to the Prisma Perdana condominiums, the residents had formed a "Save the Pondok" committee in July.

City Hall delayed the demolition following their protests but proceeded to do so last week.

Taman Midah Rukun Tetangga secretary Philip Lee said City Hall, which oversaw the demolition, had refused to meet residents to decide on a new site for the beat base.

The committee has identified two suitable locations for a new pondok - at vacant land at Jalan Midah 10A and Jalan Midah 18 which are now being used as playgrounds.

"If City Hall doesn't want to meet us, we have no option but to raise this matter with Dr Mahathir," said Philip Lee.

He said the beat base was essential to Taman Midah because of the high incidence of thefts and robberies.

He added that the committee had applied to the Prime Minister's Department for RM50,000 for the construction of a new pondok.

Ten residents met Cheras MCA deputy youth chief Lee Boo Kok last Friday on the matter.

Lee Boo Kok said it was illogical for City Hall to demolish the pondok when a new site had not been decided upon.