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Renaming Putrajaya after Mahathir?

SHOULD Putrajaya be renamed Bandaraya Mahathir Putrajaya in honour of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had announced his impending retirement?

That was a suggestion by Datuk Mansor Md Jaafar at the Dewan Negara while debating the amendments to the Putrajaya Corporation Act today.

He said Dr Mahathir had contributed much to the country and he should be remembered.

Many of the other Senators, who debated on the Bill, also praised Dr Mahathir as it was on his initiative that Putrajaya was born.

Shifting government's administrative offices to Putrajaya was not something new, said K. R. A. Naidu.

He said it had happened in the United States when the capital was moved from New York to Washington.

However Naidu questioned the need for a five-star hotel in the vicinity of Putrajaya since it was only an administrative city.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar replied that many tourists visit Putrajaya and some put up the night there at the hotel.

Jamilah Ibrahim, while praising the structures in Putrajaya, said there were too few shelters for motorcyclists.

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