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`Housing policy must be re-examined'

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The nation's housing policy must be re-examined to improve the methods of planning, designing and building townships and houses, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi tonight.

"Our housing policy should aim to deliver quality housing for quality living at affordable prices," he said at a dinner tribute to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Abdullah said attention must be given to the housing needs of "special groups" such as the disabled, single mothers and low-income earners.

The dinner, attended by Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Menteri Besar, was organised by the Real Estate and Housing Developers Association (Rehda).

Abdullah also said developers must undertake market research before launching projects.

In paying tribute to his predecessor, Abdullah said Dr Mahathir had instilled a great sense of purpose and excellence in Malaysians.

"It is therefore fitting that the industry gives special recognition to Tun for his efforts in transforming our country into the modern and progressive nation it is today."

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