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PM: Dr M won't get bill for RM100,000 gift

THE Government will not send a bill to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the RM100,000 gift of Malaysian timber to the former President of Zimbabwe.

Former Prime Minister Dr Mahathir's act was permissible under the Government's regulations for gifts to foreign heads of state and heads of government, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

In his written reply to Teresa Kok Suh Sim (DAP-Seputeh), he said restrictions existed only for gifts to foreign ministers or deputy ministers and senior government officers.

"Gifts to foreign ministers or deputy ministers may not exceed a value of RM400, while those to senior officers may not exceed RM300," he said.

There are no limitations on gifts to foreign heads of state. Such gifts come under the purview of the Istana or the Prime Minister's office.

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