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Dr M's Swiss watch missing from museum

ALOR STAR, Thurs. - A vintage Swiss wristwatch belonging to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was stolen from his childhood home at Jalan Kilang Ais here.

The Eska wristwatch, which was displayed in a case along with two other watches and two pencils, had gone missing from Dr Mahathir's home on Tuesday evening.

A report was lodged at noon today at the Kota Star district police station by Kedah/Perlis National Archives assistant director Mohd Ariffin Santol.

Kota Star deputy district police chief Superintendent Abd Jalil Abd Wahab said police had questioned several staff from the home, which has been turned into a museum, and fingerprints taken at the display case.

It is learnt that a contract cleaning worker at the museum had noticed that the watch was missing from the display case during her rounds at 5pm on Tuesday.

Although the room was fitted with closed circuit television cameras, the incident was not recorded.