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CHANGLUN, SEPT 21 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE IS PLANNING TO BUILD A HOUSE OF HIS OWN IN KAJANG, SELANGOR, WITH A GOVERNMENT LOAN OF \$500,000.

THE PROPOSED HOUSE WAS NOT +TOO EXPENSIVE+ BUT SUFFICIENT FOR HIS SMALL FAMILY TO STAY WHEN HE WAS NO LONGER ALIVE, HE ADDED.

THE HOUSE IN KAJANG WOULD BE HIS SECOND -- THE FIRST IN TITI GAJAH, NEAR ALOR SETAR, COSTING \$140,000, WAS BUILT WITH HIS OWN MONEY BEFORE HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WANTED THE PUBLIC TO KNOW ABOUT HIS PLAN TO BUILD THE HOUSE IN KAJANG WITH A GOVERNMENT LOAN IN ORDER TO PREVENT ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION LATER ON.

SPEAKING AT A GATHERING WITH THE PEOPLE AT SEKOLAH MENENGAH CHANGLUN HERE, HE SAID THE OPPOSITION WAS FOND OF MAKING ALL KINDS OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM, INCLUDING FOR CORRUPTION.

ONE OF THE ALLEGATIONS WAS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COLLECTED A LOT OF BRIBES AND KEPT THEM IN A SWISS BANK, HE SAID, FIRMLY DISMISSING THE ALLEGATION. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID COMPARED TO THE HOUSE HE WAS PLANNING TO BUILD IN KAJANG, THE ONE BELONGING TO PARTI SEMANGAT 46 LEADER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, NEAR THE ROYAL SELANGOR GOLF CLUB IN KUALA LUMPUR, WAS A PALACE.

ACCORDING TO HIS ESTIMATE, TENGKU RAZALEIGH'S HOUSE WAS WORTH BETWEEN \$3 AND \$4 MILLION AND IT COULD ACCOMODATE A MEETING FOR ABOUT 250 PEOPLE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT TENGKU RAZALEIGH'S HOUSE NEXT TO THE SELANGOR TURF CLUB, WHICH WAS BOUGHT FOR \$1 MILLION WHEN HE HEADED THE MALAYSIA MINING CORPORATION (MMC), HAD BEEN SOLD FOR \$17 MILLION TO A FOREIGN BUYER.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE GATHERING WERE HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH AND KEDAH MENTERI BESAR, DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF. -- BERNAMA

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