

Gerakan accuses Kedah gov't of lavish spending

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Kedah Menteri Besar Azizan Abdul Razak has been accused of spending lavishly on luxury cars, meant for official use.

According to Kedah Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang , the Kedah state had bought a Mercedes S350 at the end of last year for the menteri besar.

Speaking to Malaysiakini, Tan said that the three photographs posted on his blog, which were taken about two weeks ago during Kedah's state assembly, showed that the state government has been misusing the taxpayer's money.

"The market price for a Mercedes S350 is approximately RM850,000. This does not include the price of the number plate, KCX 8," he stated in his blog.

However, he added he was not sure if the car had been discounted or exempted from excise duties.

Azizan said last November that the Kedah state government chose to buy five Toyota Camrys and a Mercedes-Benz S Class because of the high maintenance cost of their previous Proton Perdana V6 vehicles.

Tan is also questioning Azizan whether Pakatan leaders have the right to criticise BN leaders for siphoning the rakyat's money when they themselves are using the taxpayer's money to buy luxury cars.