

Federal govt spent RM11 million in Ijok

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MORE than RM38 million was spent on development projects in Ijok during its by-election in April.

Of the amount, RM10.8 million was from the federal government.

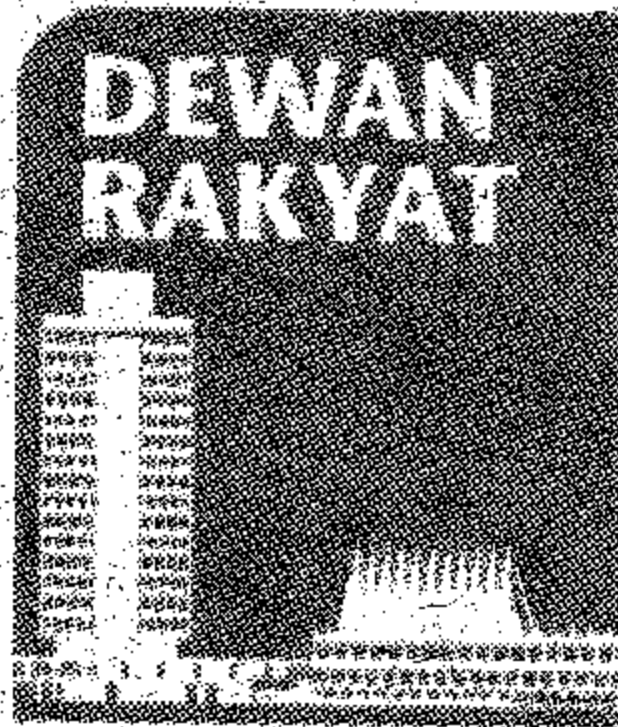
Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the federal projects were planned at the start of the year under the government's public infrastructure and maintenance programme.

The rest of the money — RM27.5 million — was spent by the Selangor government on projects carried out by the Selangor Islamic Affairs Department, the Public Works Department and the Drainage and Irrigation Department.

Abdullah said this in a written reply to a question by Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar (Pas-Tumpat).

To a question by Fong Po Kuan (DAP-Batu Gajah), Abdullah said the Barisan Nasional candidate's expenditure for the Ijok by-election was RM100,000 while the Keadilan contestant spent RM86,300.

In the April Machap by-election,



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the BN candidate spent RM89,955 and his DAP challenger, RM15,876.

To another question by Fong, he said the Election Commission had no powers to act against any candidate who had abused his power through the use of money politics in the by-elections.

He said those who had proof could make a police report and submit a petition to the High Court within the stipulated time provided by the law to cancel the election results.