

Sultan unhappy with poor service by govt officials

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KLANG: The Sultan of Selangor said yesterday that the quality of the state's service was below par, despite Selangor being declared a developed state last year.

"Complaints and grouses from the people are not being addressed promptly, and this means they live uncomfort-

able lives," said Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

"There is no point in my being on the throne if my subjects live uncomfortably with lives full of problems," he said during an investiture held in conjunction with his 61st birthday.

"I dream of a state where every person has a chance to succeed, and which every parent dreams of being the place

to raise their children."

He reminded state assemblymen, civil servants and other public representatives that they were chosen to serve the people, regardless of race, religion and ideology.

"I do not want work to be delayed due to bureaucracy or delayed deliberately by keeping files hidden."

He also criticised assemblymen who exploited their posi-

tions for personal gain.

"I don't want them to misuse their power, and think they can do anything they like, as though they cannot be touched and above the law."

The Sultan had reprimanded Datuk Zakaria Md Deros two months ago, after it was discovered that the Port Klang state assemblyman and long-time Klang councilman was building a palatial home with-

out planning permission.

He also threatened to strip Zakaria of his Selangor titles.

In his speech, he reminded members of Selangor's royalty not to break laws or exploit their positions.

The Sultan also touched on deviationist sects in the state, and warned he would order the religious authorities and police to clamp down on any that were found here.