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'Foundation has never received funds from govt'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Perdana Leadership Foundation says it has never received any funding from the government.

"The foundation has received no funding from the government related to its management and/or the staff employed by it," said a statement released by the foundation.

"The government's involvement in the foundation is purely as a tenant of premises for use as the office of the fourth prime minister (Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad), for which the government is paying the rentals.

"The government is also responsible for the salaries of the civil servants assigned to the former prime minister's office in the premises.

"The foundation is confident in continuing and demonstrating the activities it has involved in since its birth 13 years ago.

"Our activities include the collation of some 12 million pages of documents, a significant number of which are records of public speeches by all prime ministers, and the foundation believes such materials will be of invaluable use to researchers as well as to future generations, and reflective of the primary goal and objectives of the establishment of the foundation," it said.

After chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting on Friday, party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the council would request that the government stop channelling funds to the foundation, which is led by Dr Mahathir.