

M'sia to press S'pore for water review

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PUCHONG: Malaysia will negotiate with Singapore for a realistic water price based on the current economic development.

Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said selling water to Singapore at three sen per 1,000 gallons (3,785l) was no longer feasible.

"It is unreasonable.

"The rate fixed in 1926 is maintained until today.

"During that time we can buy things at a cost of one sen.

"Now we cannot buy anything with one sen or even three sen," he said after launching the National Community Policy yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said prices of goods increased over time.

"When I was young, we could buy a few types of spices with one sen," he said.

Dr Mahathir said Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah would lead the team to renegotiate the water price with Singapore.

The team includes a representative from the Johor government.