

NAJIB DECLINES RM100M HOUSE AFTER OUTRAGE

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Ex-prime minister says he made the decision following public unease over its revelation

for the house.

"The government asked me to choose (from three options), so I decided what was best for me," he said, adding that he did not want the matter to become an issue during the Melaka election.

He said the application was made in 2018 under the Members of Parliament (Remuneration) Act 1980.

Najib suggested that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob review the privileges accorded to former prime ministers under the act.

"If there is a need, the government should withdraw all the privileges for former prime ministers in the future, including those after me," he said.

On whether he was aware of the value of the plot of land, he replied in the negative.

"I'm not aware of the value. I came to know after it was publicised because I was not involved with the evaluation."

In the Parliament sitting on Thursday, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had disputed why the allocation was not included in the 2022 Budget and had asked Finance Minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Tengku Abdul Aziz for an explanation.

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FORMER prime minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has rejected the offer of a plot of land and house, allegedly worth RM100 million, from the government.

The decision, he said, was made after it had caused unease among the public, especially with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

"I have decided to reject the offer, although principally, the application was made based on my eligibility as a former prime minister.

"I'm aware that the people are facing tough times, where the country's priority should be on the people," he said yesterday.

Najib said although the offer was not approved yet, it was not he who requested for the government to fork out RM100 million