

Former Israeli PM Ehud Olmert Indicted For Bribery
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JERUSALEM, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- Former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert was on Thursday indicted alongside a number of other people for allegedly taking bribes in a massive property scandal, China's Xinhua news agency cited judicial sources.

Olmert is accused of allegedly accepting bribes to smooth the way for the construction of the huge Holyland residential complex in Jerusalem during his tenure as mayor in the 1990s.

Olmert, 67, resigned the premiership in 2008 amid a series of probes against him, according to which he was involved in an upscale residential project in Jerusalem.

He was accused of having accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes from the project's developers as then mayor of Jerusalem.

The indictment named Olmert, his former aide Shula Zaken and his successor as mayor, Uri Lupolianski, along with several senior city hall officials, prominent businessmen and property developers.

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