Doctors wake up to find cash and belongings stolen

KUALA LUMPUR: A group of doctors who attended an overnight meeting at a hotel here are fuming over money and belongings believed to be stolen when they fell asleep in a room.

One of the doctors from the Health Ministry's disease control department said the hotel security informed them there were no security cameras except at the hotel lobby.

"They claimed that records indicate we were the only ones who entered and left the room," said the doctor, who lost RM2,200 and a watch in the incident, believed to have taken place early yesterday morning.

"We got into the hotel room close to midnight and had a chit-chat before going to bed. I noticed my watch was missing when I got up for morning prayers and later found money missing from my wallet.

"The watch has a sentimental value as my daughter gave it to me," he said.

Two other doctors who were in the room lost RM400 and RM250 respectively while a third did not have anything stolen as he had left his wallet in his pocket.

"Only the three of us took our wallets out and placed them on a table near the televi-

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sion. We think that the hotel has been irresponsible in this matter and hope something can be done," said the doctor.

He added that he was later told by a Malaysian AIDS Council staff member that a United Nations official from Thailand had had his belongings, including cash and credit cards, stolen when he stayed at the hotel last year.

One of the doctors lodged a report at the Sentul police station yesterday and was informed that another hotel guest had lodged a report stating that he had lost about RM12,000.