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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 23 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK-SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENTS ON A REPORT OF IMMINENT MAJOR CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF BANK BUMIPUTRA AND THE BUMIPUTRA MALAYSIA FINANCE (BMF) IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF BMF'S ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, ENCIK JALIL IBRAHIM, THERE.

+ I DON'T KNOW AS I HAVE ONLY READ IT IN THIS MORNING'S PAPER... SO HOW CAN I COMMENT, + HE TOLD REPORTERS WHEN ASKED ON A REPORT IN A LOCAL DAILY INDICATING THE IMPENDING CHANGES.

THE REPORT, QUOTING UNNAMED SOURCES, SAID THAT MAJOR BOARD AND MANAGEMENT CHANGES WERE ALREADY BEING CONTEMPLATED BEFORE THE MURDER OF ENCIK JALIL ON TUESDAY.

ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, NAMES OF SEVERAL CANDIDATES FOR BOARD AND MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

THE LATE ENCIK JALIL WAS SENT TO HONG KONG IN FEBRUARY REPORTEDLY TO INVESTIGATE BMF'S \$1 BILLION LOAN TO THREE HONG KONG COMPANIES.
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