

# BMF report will be made public

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**KURLA LUMPUR, Sat. — The Government will make public the findings of the inquiry into the Bumiputra Malaysia Finance (BMF) affair once it has been studied by Bank Negara, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.**

The Prime Minister said the report by the Committee of Inquiry which investigated the affairs of BMF had been submitted to Bank Negara.

"The Government will not hide anything nor protect anyone in this matter. We will make the report public after the relevant authority has studied it," he told reporters after attending a special briefing for Umno officials at Risda headquarters here this afternoon.

Dr Mahathir, however, declined to comment on the takeover of Bank Bumiputra by Petronas.

"Ask the Finance Minister about it," he said.

He said the takeover came as no surprise to him because Petronas was the only body with the money to do it.

"This does not mean that Petronas has to pump more oil and gas to help out Bank Bumiputra," he said.

He was confident that Bank Bumiputra could recover from the effects of the BMF affair.

The Prime Minister also denied that Petronas would be privatised.

"Only downstream activities will be privatised not Petronas. Perhaps its function will be reduced to just being the Supplier of petrol and gas," he said.