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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 18 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CONFIRMED THAT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL WILL MEET ON SUNDAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER, SPEAKING TO BERNAMA AT THE DEWAN RAKYAT, HOWEVER DECLINED TO DISCLOSE THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING.

HE ALSO DECLINED COMMENT WHEN ASKED WHETHER THE RESIGNATION OF DATUK MUSA HITAM FROM THE CABINET WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

LATER, WHEN APPROACHED BY REPORTERS AS HE WAS LEAVING PARLIAMENT HOUSE AS TO WHO WOULD FILL THE VACANCY FOR THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER'S POST, HE SAID: +I DONT KNOW.+

DATUK MUSA SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION LETTER ON FEB 27 AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DEPUTY UMNO PRESIDENT AND HOME MINISTER. -- MORE  
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DATUK MUSA LATER WITHDREW HIS RESIGNATION AS UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT AFTER A SUPREME COUNCIL DELEGATION MET HIM IN LONDON BUT STUCK TO HIS DECISION TO RELINQUISH HIS CABINET POSTS.

WHEN ASKED WHETHER DATUK MUSA WOULD ATTEND THE MEETING, HE REPLIED, +EVERYONE WILL KNOW WHETHER (DATUK MUSA) IS PRESENT OR NOT WHEN THE MEETING IS HELD.+

ASKED WHETHER THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAD ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF DATUK MUSA, HE ONLY SMILED AND SHOOK HIS HEAD.

MEANWHILE, A SUPREME COUNCIL SOURCE SAID THAT USUALLY THERE WAS NO AGENDA FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE NORMNALLY INFORMED OF THE MEETING THROUGH LETTERS OR TELEGRAMS, THE SOURCE SAID. -- MORE  
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USUALLY THE MEETING WOULD HEAR A BRIEFING FROM THE PARTY PRESIDENT ON CURRENT ISSUES AND A DISCUSSION WOULD THEN FOLLOW.

THE SUNDAY MEETING WOULD HEAR A BRIEFING ON THE SUPREME COUNCIL DELEGATION'S MEETING WITH DATUK MUSA, THE SOURCE SAID.

THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY TERENGGANU MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD WHO IS ALSO UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WERE JOHOR MENTERI BESAR DATUK AJIB AHMAD, PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB AND PAHANG MENTERI BESAR DATUK NAJIB TUN RAZAK.

SO FAR ONLY THE MENTERIS BESAR AND THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MELAKA HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON THE LONDON MEETING, THE SOURCE SAID.

THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL HAS 36 MEMBERS INCLUDING THE VARIOUS MENTERIS BESAR AND THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MELAKA.

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