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Mahathir-Daim '''

BANGI, Jan 7 (Bernama) -- Finance Minister Datuk Paduka Daim Zainuddin has expressed a desire to resign but has been asked to stay by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said today he wished to retain the services of Datuk Paduka Daim.

He was speaking to reporters who asked for his comments on rumours rife in the corporate sector and stock market circles that Datuk Paduka Daim was resigning.

The Prime Minister said there had always been such rumours but Datuk Paduka Daim had not met him on the matter of late.

He said that Datuk Paduka Daim had on many occasions, as early as 1986, told him that he would like to resign.

However the Prime Minister said he did not allow Datuk Paduka Daim to do so.-- More

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Mahathir-Daim 2 Bangi '''

The Prime Minister said Datuk Paduka Daim had also indicated of resigning before the general election in October.

+I told him no and asked him to stand in the election,+ he said.

The Prime Minister said he did not know about any talk of Datuk Paduka Daim wanting to resign after presenting the 1991 Budget last month.

Asked whether he would allow the Finance Minister to resign if Datuk Paduka Daim requested to do so now, he said: +I want to give myself the freedom to decide, one way or the other.+

+If he raises the matter I have talk to him,+ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said. -- Bernama

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Mahathir - Daim '''

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BANGI, 7 Jan (Bernama) -- Menteri Kewangan Datuk Paduka Daim Zainuddin pernah beberapa kali menyatakan hasratnya untuk meletakkan jawatan tetapi telah diminta oleh Perdana Menteri Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad supaya meneruskan khidmatnya .

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir hari ini berkata beliau berhasrat mengekalkan khidmat Datuk Paduka Daim.

Beliau menyatakan demikian kepada pemberita yang bertanya beliau mengenai khabar-khabar angin yang kini tersebar di kalangan sektor korporat dan pasaran saham kononnya Datuk Paduka Daim akan meletakkan jawatan.

Perdana Menteri berkata khabar angin seperti itu sentiasa timbul, tetapi, tambahnya, Datuk Paduka Daim tidak ada menemuinya mengenai perkara itu akhir-akhir ini.

Beliau berkata, sejak 1986 lagi Datuk Paduka Daim telah beberapa kali memberitahunya yang beliau ingin meletakkan jawatan.

Bagaimanapun, kata Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, beliau tidak membenarkan Datuk Paduka Daim berbuat demikian. -- Lagi.

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Mahathir - Daim 2 Bangi '''

Perdana Menteri berkata Datuk Paduka Daim juga telah membayangkan keinginannya meletakkan jawatan sebelum pilihan raya umum Oktober lepas.

+Saya kata 'tidak' kepadanya dan saya meminta beliau bertanding pada pilihan raya itu,+ kata beliau.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir berkata beliau tidak tahu-menahu mengenai cakap-cakap kononnya Datuk Paduka Daim akan meletakkan jawatan selepas membentangkan Belanjawan 1991 pada bulan lepas.

Ketika ditanya sama ada beliau akan membenarkan Menteri Kewangan itu meletakkan jawatan sekiranya Datuk Paduka Daim meminta untuk berbuat demikian sekarang, Perdana Menteri berkata: +Biarlah saya bebas membuat keputusan.+

+Jika beliau membangkitkan perkara itu, saya perlu berbincang dengannya,+ kata Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir. -- Bernama.

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