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MTUC 'TO CONSULT LAWYERS ON PM'S ACCUSATION

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XUALA LUMPUR, July 11 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC) is consulting its lawyers over yesterday's statement by the Prime Minister who accused MTUC President Zainal Rampak and secretary-general V. David of being traitors to the country.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had also said they had acted against the interests of Malaysian workers by allowing themselves to be used by international groups which were only interested to see the country's economy fail and the people become jobless.

He had also said that the MTUC was led by leaders from the opposition parties who had no loyalty to the country.

Reacting to the Prime Minister, David said: 'We'll consult our lawyers immediately. But, they will take some time to study the matter.'

'The (Prime Minister) doubts our patriotism and loyalty to the nation': This will have to be dealt with constitutionally, said David, who is also a DAP Member of Parliament.-- more

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Zainal also expressed regret over the Prime Minister's statement, saying it was 'very unfair' of Dr Mahathir to label them as traitors,

'Everything that we do, we do according to the mandate given by the MTUC General Council. We never acted on our own,' he said.

The MTUC President also said there would be no change in the MTUC's approach of handling issues,

'There is no need to change,' he said. -- Bernama

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