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KIT SIANG IS PLAYING RIDDLES, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUANTAN, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahthir Mohamad said today the government had no intention of setting up a Parliamentary Committee, as proposed by Opposition Leader Lim Kit Siang, to supervise the offer of tender for the private television station, TV4.

+Why should we set up a Parliamentary Committee. His party lost in the general election, so he does not have the authority but he wants to look for opportunities so that he can have power in administrative matters,+ he added.

The Prime Minister, who was speaking at a press conference here after attending a briefing on the development in Pahang, was asked to comment on the proposal by Lim that the Federal government set up a parliamentary committee comprising all parties.

Dr Mahathir said it was not necessary for the government to set up the committee because Parliament was not an executive body and it only deliberated government policies and passed laws.

+If Parliament becomes an executive body with people like Kit Siang around there will be chaos,+ he added. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said Kit Siang was in fact playing riddles and his intention was that Melewar Group should not get the offer.

Melewar Group, the Prime Minister said, had long been reported in the newspapers to be interested in getting the tender.

He added: +I think he (Kit Siang) is just playing riddles. His intention is that Melewar Group should not get it.

+So, when he says that (a decision had been made to offer the tender to Melewar group) and the government later decides to give the tender to Melewar, he will say he was correct.

+He is trying to sideline Melewar for when he says, Melewar will get the tender and the government, in order to show he is wrong, will decide not to give the tender to Melewar+.

Dr Mahthir said the government had yet to make any decision on the offer of the tender for TV4.

He gave the assurance that the government would consider every application in a fair manner.

+Who deserves to get, will get it. Who does not deserve, will not get... Kit Siang will not get it,+ he said, drawing laughter among those present.

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