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panel to overs TV T tender bid, says Dr M

KUANTAN: There is no need for a parliamentary committee to oversee the tender bid for the TV4 contract, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"What is the reason for the all-party Parliamentary Committee?" he said at a news conference.

Parliamentary Opposition leader and DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang had urged Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat to obtain Cabinet approval for the setting up of the committee.

Dr Mahathir said it is not the Parliament's work because it did not have executive powers and the House could only discuss the policies to formulate the laws.

To a question that Melewar Corporation has been identified as the company which will get the contract, Dr Mahathir said everyone knew that the company had bid for it.

"It has been reported in the press that the company was making preparations," he said, adding that it was Lim's intention to eliminate the company from the tender.

"Lim can then justify that he was correct if the tender for the contract is given to Melewar Corporation.

"We have not made a decision but we will consider all the tenders fairly. Whichever company is eligible will get it."