

PM confirms Ghafar has resigned

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Abdul Ghafar Baba does not need his approval to step down.

"The Attorney-General has informed me that he (Ghafar) does not require my permission to resign.

"His resignation is automatic. I cannot say that I do not accept it," Dr Mahathir said after attending the Budget session.

He also said that he has still been unable to see Ghafar.

He had said while in Cyprus for CHOGM that he wanted to talk to Ghafar before making a decision on the resignation.

Dr Mahathir also confirmed he received a letter from Sabah Affairs Minister Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Harun yesterday stating his resignation as deputy chairman of the Sabah Umno liaison committee.

The letter was handed to the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, Datuk Abdul Aziz Ismail.

Dr Mahathir said he was still thinking about the matter.

Haji Abdul Rahman Yunus, a special assistant of Ghafar, who handed over the letter, said Mustapha only resigned from the party post, effective from Thursday although the latter had said he also wanted to resign from the Cabinet.

Mustapha also said he was unhappy with the appointment of Land and Co-operative Development Minister Tan Sri Sakaran Dandai as chairman of the committee to replace Ghafar.