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PM WANTS REPORT ON COLLAPSED CONDOMINIUM TO BE COMPLETED SOON

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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the report on the collapsed condominium at Taman Hillview, Mu Kelang, today to be completed as soon as possible.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said that Dr Mahathir also directed that all related agencies coordinate operations to rescue victims who were still trapped under the rubble.

"The Prime Minister wants priority to be given to efforts to rescue all victims who are still trapped," said Anwar after accompanying the Prime Minister to observe the scene of the tragedy.

Dr Mahathir, Anwar, International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib were at the scene for about 40 minutes, from about 6.20pm.

Police believe about 40 people are still trapped under the rubble of the building which collapsed at 1.35pm. Three people have been rescued soon after the incident. -- more

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Anwar said that the Prime Minister was clearly shocked and saddened by the tragedy.

"The Prime Minister wants rescue operations to proceed until the last victim has been taken out from the rubble," he said.

The Deputy Prime Minister also said that a committee would be set up to arrange the accommodation of victims who were safe.

Meanwhile, Muhammad said that a special state-level committee would be set up to investigate the incident. The committee will be assisted by the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council.

According to the Menteri Besar, the committee would provide full cooperation to related federal government agencies in the investigation.

Muhammad, who expressed the state government's sympathy to the victims, gave an assurance that rescue operations would proceed until all the victims had been taken out from the rubble. -- Bernama

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