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Mahathir-Langkawi

I WILL REPLY TO LANGKAWI UMNO RESOLUTION ON AUG 9- PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he will visit Langkawi on Aug 9 and respond to the Langkawi Umno Division resolution that the island's free port status be withdrawn.

"I want to hear more from the Umno Division members about this resolution and will explain this matter," he said after chairing the monthly Umno Supreme Council meeting at Menara Datuk Onn, Putra World Trade Centre here.

The Langkawi Umno Division adopted the resolution at its meeting on Sunday, claiming that the free port status had not benefited the islanders.

The division also passed a resolution calling for the dissolution of the Langkawi Development Board saying that the Federal agency was trying to take over the island's administration and management.

On the scuffle at the Beaufort Umno Division delegates conference, on Saturday, Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, said it was only an isolated incident.

Pointing out that this was not a trend in Umno Divisional delegates conferences, Dr Mahathir said it had been permitted to resume its unfinished items on the meeting agenda tomorrow.

The Beaufort Umno Division head Datuk Lajim Haji Ukin, handed over a written report and a video tape recording of the incident in which some 30 members were involved to the party headquarters on Thursday.

Dr Mahathir, who is Kubang Pasu Umno Division head, was also asked about the talk that the division would adopt a resolution that the division's deputy head Tan Sri Osman Aroff, the former Kedah Menteri Besar, be sacked.

Dr Mahathir said he could not comment on such things as he did not wish to influence the delegates.

Dr Mahathir also briefed the meeting on the steps being taken by the government to implement the Multi-Media Super Corridor (MSC).

He also said the state governments had been told not to set up too many Information Technology (IT) Cities as this might cause confusion among investors. -- BERNAMA

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