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KONG'S POSITION MAY BE KNOWN TOMORROW

KOTA KINABALU, July 3 (Bernama) -- The position of Sabah Gerakan chief Datuk Kong Hong Ming, who has offered to resign from the post, may be known tomorrow, Gerakan deputy president Kerk Choo Ting said today.

"I think we will have a very lengthy and detailed discussion with the State Working Committee tonight. Probably any outcome will be known tomorrow," Kerk told a press conference on arrival at the airport here.

Kerk will be leading a three-member party delegation to meet Sabah Gerakan's State Working Committee tonight to discuss Kong's position.

The other two members of the delegation are central committee members Dr Kang Chin Seng and Dr Toh Kin Woon.

Kong, a Gerakan national vice-president, landed himself in controversy when he did not vote for amendments to five Sabah state laws aimed at curbing the Chief Minister's powers at the State Assembly sitting last month.

Kong, who is Kudat Assemblyman, abstained from voting on the Forest Enactment bill and was not in the House when vote was taken on the other four bills.

Another Barisan Nasional (BN) backbencher, nominated assemblyman Jahid Jahim, was sacked by Akar Bersatu for opposing the forestry bill.

Kerk, who is Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister, said he would report to the central committee on the outcome of tonight's meeting.

On Kong's offer letter to resign his state post, Kerk said Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik had received the letter and that Lim had met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter. --

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