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DAP to study confidence motion before deciding

KUCHING, Thurs. - The DAP will make known its position soon on the motion of confidence in Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister to be tabled in Parliament, its vice-chairman Karpal Singh said today.

"Let's see the motion first and the reasons for it," he said when asked whether it would give its support to the motion. Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday that he would table the motion at the earliest possible date during the current session of Parliament.

The motion is to reject a draft resolution by the United States Congressman Robert Wexler asking Dr Mahathir to apologise or resign over the alleged remarks that a Jewish conspiracy was behind the currency crisis in Southeast Asia and to express the full support of all members of the Malaysian Parliament for Dr Mahathir.

It is also to show the people's firm stand and solid backing for Dr Mahathir through all parties in Parliament.

Saying that this is the first time that a confidence motion in the Prime Minister will be tabled, Karpal Singh suggested that voting be conducted through secret ballot instead of by a show of hands.

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