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Govt may appoint acting CM for Malacca

THE Government may need to appoint an acting chief minister for Malacca to take over the responsibility of Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani who is still unconscious due to a stroke.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said while it is still too early for the Government to appoint an acting CM, the Government will consider this alternative.

"If it shows that it is very difficult for him (Mohd Zin) to return to work immediately, we have to find a successor or acting (CM)," he told reporters at the Parliament lobby yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said he had visited Mohd Zin, and it is true that the CM is still unconscious.

To another question on the candidate for the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister post, the Prime Minister said he has yet to decide on a name. "We are still considering. Who do you want?" he asked the reporters.

The Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister position is vacant as the then Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar has been designated to be the next Selangor Menteri Besar.

On newsreport quoting New Zealand mountain climbing experts as saying that there was some pressure from the Government on the Malaysian climbers to pursue with their quest, Dr Mahathir said there is no such thing.

"We do not impose any pressure. They do these voluntarily. We only advise them to be careful. It amazes me as to why outsiders would want to interfere in this," he added.

On Malaysia's contributions to earthquake victims in Iran, Dr Mahathir said Malaysia will do its part as usual. However, the amount of contributions is yet to be determined.

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