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MUHAMMAD SHOULD ALSO RESIGN AS UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, SAYS DAP

KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- Former Menteri Besar Selangor Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhd Taib should resign as Umno vice-president if he really wants to be an example to other political leaders or government officers facing problems in future, DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said today.

He said Muhammad should also explain to the public on several allegations levelled against him including millions of ringgit worth of asset in Australia.

Muhammad should convince the people that his decision was sincere and he wanted to be an example to other political leaders and government officers who were having problems, he said in a statement issued here.

Muhammad had explained yesterday that his decision to resign was voluntary while hoping that it would be a trend among politicians like in Japan and South Korea.

In Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said Muhammad's decision to continue to become Umno vice-president and Batang Kali assemblyman was not contradictory to Umno's principles.

He said both posts were elected ones and it should be for Umno members and the people to decide.

"He (Tan Sri Muhammad) only relinquishes the post where he was appointed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad," he told reporters.

Wan Mokhtar said the court case against Muhammad in Australia had yet to be concluded and it did not mean that he was guilty.

"I don't see Muhammad's decision to remain as Umno vice-president and Batang Kali assemblyman as conflicting with the principles of the party," he said. -- BERNAMA

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