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MUHAMMAD ASKS MEDIA TO WAIT TILL MONDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib left the Umno Supreme Council meeting here today dodging reporters' questions on his decision to resign as Menteri Besar.

"Wait till Monday," was all he said when reporters swarmed him to get his comments before leaving Umno headquarters at 38th floor of Menara Datuk Onn at Putra World Trade Centre.

Muhammad said his press secretary Nasiruddin Jantan would inform the media on the time and place of the press conference to be called on Monday.

His resignation, effective on Monday, was announced by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after the Umno Supreme Council meeting at the party headquarters.

Muhammad, 51, also resigned from the posts of Selangor and Federal Territory Umno liaison chief and as Selangor and Federal Territory Barisan Nasional chairman.

Dr Mahathir said Muhammad resigned on his own accord so that any investigations conducted would not affect Umno's image. -- BERNAMA

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