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NEW MB:MAHATHIR'S AFTERNOON AUDIENCE WITH SULTAN

PETALING JAYA, April 21 (Bernama) -- The Sultan of Selangor said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to have an audience with him at 3.30 pm today at Istana Selangor in Kuala Lumpur on the appointment of a new Menteri Besar.

"The prime minister has to see me soonest as I am leaving for Singapore, Lumut and later London," the Sultan told reporters after opening a "Giant Cash & Carry" hypermarket in Subang Jaya here.

"Lest there's not enough time... as the Constitution (stipulates) a 28-day deadline," the Sultan said.

Asked on who is the Menteri Besar-designate, the Sultan said he himself had no idea.

The post fell vacant following Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib's resignation a week ago. -- BERNAMA

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