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NO CANDIDATE YET FOR S'GOR MB POST, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, April 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he has not yet found a candidate to replace Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhamad Taib who resigned as Selangor Menteri Besar yesterday.

"I haven't found the candidate yet," he told reporters here after participating in a nation-wide video teleconference to explain the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

The prime minister was asked when he would be meeting the Sultan of Selangor to discuss Muhammad's successor.

Dr Mahathir had announced after Saturday's Umno Supreme Council meeting Muhammad's intention to resign as Selangor Menteri Besar effective yesterday.

According to the State constitution, the post should be filled within 28 days of the resignation.

Muhammad is charged with failing to declare cash A\$1.2 million (RM2.4 million) while leaving Australia at the Brisbane International Airport in December last year.

He is also expected to face another charge of making a false declaration when his case comes up for hearing on Aug 19.

Dr Mahathir declined to comment when asked whether he accepted Muhammad's decision to remain as one of the party's three vice-presidents.

Muhammad told a news conference yesterday he would hold on to the vice-president post and remain as the Batang Kali State Assemblyman and Hulu Selangor Umno division chief but relinquished chairmanship of the Selangor and Federal Territory Umno liaison committees. -- BERNAMA

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