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PM GETS ALL ROUND SUPPORT TO SELECT NEW SELANGOR MB

SHAH ALAM, April 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he had received the mandate and support of all concerned including that of His Royal Highness the Sultan to appoint a new Menteri Besar for Selangor

Speaking to reporters after launching the TVR Chimaera sports car at the Shah Alam Circuit, the Prime Minister said he had also received the support of the Selangor Umno Liaison Committee, the State Executive Councillors and former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, had a 90-minute meeting this morning with the Selangor Umno Liaison Committee headed by its deputy chief Datuk Haji Abu Hassan Omar at the Prime Minister's Department here.

Asked by reporters when he would announce the name of the new Menteri Besar, he replied: "It all depends on how much time I have."

Last Monday, Dr Mahathir had a meeting with the Selangor Executive Councillors and later an audience with His Royal Highness on the appointment of the new Menteri Besar.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister said he needed more time to decide on the appointment.

Muhammad resigned on April 14 over allegations that he did not declare to Australian Customs money exceeding A\$5,000 before leaving Brisbane as required by that country's laws. -- BERNAMA

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