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UMNO MEETING DID NOT DISCUSS LATIFF'S PLAN TO RESIGN

PULAU PINANG, April 3 (Bernama) -- The State Umno Liaison Committee meeting here today did not discuss Datuk Abdul Latiff Mirasa's plans to step down as a state Exco member.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the matter (Latiff's application to step down) was not raised at all at the meeting.

Anwar, who is also chairman of the Pulau Pinang Umno Liaison Committee, told reporters that the meeting was a normal one. He declined to elaborate.

He said he had not received any letter to the effect from Latif who is Chairman of the State Committee on Land, Entrepreneur Development and Cooperatives.

"Maybe it's still in the mail..." he said in response to a statement by a journalist who said that the letter had been sent, and left.

Earlier, on March 2, Latiff who is also the Umno Bagan division head, said he would step down as State Exco and it was up to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad or his deputy, Anwar, to decide on the matter.

However, he said, he would continue to perform his duties as a State Exco member while waiting for the decision. -- BERNAMA

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