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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ACCEPTS MB'S EXPLANATION ON MONEY OFFENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- The Umno supreme council today accepted Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib's explanation regarding his failure to declare an equivalent of RM2.4 million in cash at the Brisbane international airport, Australia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who chaired the supreme council meeting also reminded government members and party leaders not to do anything that could put the party and government in trouble.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said: "I advise all government and party members not to do anything wittingly or unwittingly that can raise problems for the party and government although we have accepted Tan Sri Muhammad's explanation."

Muhammad was detained on Dec 22 last year and charged in the Brisbane magistrate's court the following day.

No plea was recorded and Muhammad, who was released on unconditional bail, is required to attend court on March 21. -- BERNAMA

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