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MAHATHIR STILL DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT GHAFAR'S POSITION

KUALA LUMPUR, July 3 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he still does not know about the position of former deputy prime minister Tun Ghafar Baba, who has been declared a bankrupt, as a Member of Parliament.

"I don't know. I have not asked yet (about Ghafar's position)." he told reporters after presenting excellent service awards to staff of the Prime Minister's department at Pusat Islam, here.

He was asked to comment on Ghafar's position as MP for Jasin, Melaka, following the high court declaration.

Under the Federal Constitution, a person is disqualified as an MP if he is declared a bankrupt.

The Kuala Lumpur High Court had on Tuesday declared Ghafar, 73, a bankrupt after he failed to pay RM500,000 to Pengkalen Holdings Berhad director Datuk Choong Kok Min.

Ghafar's son, Mohamed Tamrin, was also declared a bankrupt by the same court for failing to pay Choong RM1.5 million.

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