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Panel `should check money politics claim'

TAIPING, Thurs. - Menteri Besar and Perak Umno chief Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said he could not confirm claims that some division heads were involved in a plot to topple party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the party's management committee should investigate the allegation.

He was speaking to reporters after opening the Ceramic Exhibition at the Gunung Semanggol PLUS Rest and Recreation area near here yesterday.

In Muar, Johor Menteri Besar and Umno chief Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman warned of strict disciplinary action against divisional leaders involved in money politics.

In Port Dickson, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad, who is Negri Sembilan Umno chief, today welcomed Dr Mahathir's statement to consult party leaders on whether or not to appoint his deputy.

He said the State Umno will support any party leader appointed by the party president and Prime Minister to become his deputy replacing Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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