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Dr M: Swiss banks free to reveal names

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Swiss banks are free to reveal the names of Malaysian ministers who have numbered accounts with them.

Dr Mahathir said the ministers had agreed that they would authorise any bank in Switzerland to make public the details of their accounts, if they had any.

Speaking at a Press conference at the Prime Minister's Department, he said the Cabinet, at its weekly meeting, discussed a foreign news report that Malaysian ministers had numbered accounts in Swiss banks.

"The ministers have made the decision that they will allow any Swiss bank which have numbered accounts belonging to them or to deputy ministers to make public announcements on their accounts," he said.

"The ministers are also prepared to give written undertaking of their willingness to do so," he added.

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