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MAHATHIR LASHES OUT AT FOREIGN MEDIA

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today lashed out at the foreign media for twisting the facts to make it appear as if there is mounting pressure for him to resign.

"The mounting pressure comes from the foreign press," he said when asked by a foreign reporter for his reaction to the resignation of Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Noor and the so-called mounting pressure on the prime minister to resign.

Abdul Rahim yesterday announced his resignation, effective today, taking full responsibility for injuries suffered by former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim while in police custody.

Abdul Rahim said he made the decision to resign following Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohtar Abdullah's statement on Tuesday holding the police force fully responsible for Anwar's injuries while in police custody.

Speaking at a news conference after chairing a three-hour Umno Supreme Council meeting here, Dr Mahathir said it was the foreign media which had been reporting that there was mounting pressure for him to resign.

When the foreign reporter repeated his question, Dr Mahathir said: "That is what the foreign press think. They can go and ask their own ministers to resign."

"We don't normally respond to the foreign press... I don't have to respond to such silly questions," he said.

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