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Party for debate on allegations about Perwaja

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - An emergency debate in Parliament should be convened tomorrow so that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad can answer allegations about his involvement in the Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd affair, the DAP said today.

In a police report lodged this week, sacked Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had alleged Dr Mahathir's involvement in the matter.

DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang said in a statement that he would move a motion of urgent public importance on the police report tomorrow.

"A full debate in Parliament on the Perwaja scandal tomorrow will be the most appropriate forum for the Prime Minister to give a full and proper accounting of his involvement and role in the Perwaja scandal," Lim said.

In an earlier statement, Lim also called on the Government to reveal if it had abandoned plans to have the civil service attain ISO 9000 certification by next year.

Lim noted that Dr Mahathir had announced the Government's intention in 1996, but after a year of "fanfare", it had not been heard of since.

"Malaysians are entitled to know... whether it had abandoned its plan to make the civil service a world leader in government administration... and the reason why it was abandoned," Lim said.

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