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INFORMERS PREPARED TO SEE MAHATHIR, SAYS MUHYIDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, March 15 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today the people with information on attempts to block the nominations of certain aspirants for the Umno elections were prepared to meet Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the matter.

But Dr Mahathir did not feel there was any need for him to meet the informers confidentially, said the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister.

Speaking to reporters at his office, Muhyiddin said the prime minister had during their meeting in Putrajaya today told him "what you have informed me is enough".

He said Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, also told him that "if possible we want this matter to cool off".

Muhyiddin, a former Umno vice-president, had met Dr Mahathir over his allegation that certain people were trying to prevent Umno divisions from nominating him and a few others to contest for the vice-presidency in the May party elections.

Muhyiddin said that while the issue raised by him had been considered resolved following the meeting with Dr Mahathir, he still wanted the matter to be debated at the party general assembly in May.

Delegates to the assembly should discuss the nomination requirements to qualify to contest in Umno elections.

He said the feedback he received from many members was that the requirements actually caused disharmony within the party because aspirants were giving priority to the number of nominations.

The requirements also favoured those heading state Umno liaison committees as they were in a better position to influence divisions to nominate people of their choice, he said.

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