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Liaison panel pledges full support for Isa

SEREMBAN, Thurs. - The State Umno liaison committee has pledged its full support for the leadership of Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad as the Menteri Besar and State Umno chairman.

State Umno information chief Datuk Darus Salim Bulin, who announced this at a Press conference today, said the pledge was made during a special committee meeting yesterday attended by divisional party chiefs.

He said the meeting was chaired by Mohamad Isa at the State Umno building here, before he left for London last night to attend the Commonwealth Parliamentarian Association meeting there.

Also present at the conference held at the State Umno building were State Umno secretary Datuk Abdul Wahab Mohd Hanipah and the Menteri Besar's Press secretary Roslan Abdul.

The pledge by the liaison committee was in response to speculation that Mohamad Isa would be stepping down as Menteri Besar. The speculation was sparked last week by the release of his weekly schedule which stated he was going on two weeks' leave from Sept 14 to 29.

Following the CPA meet, Mohamad Isa is expected to attend his daughter's university enrolment there, with his wife, Puan Seri Hazizah Tumin.

Abdul Wahab said the special meeting was actually convened to discuss proposed amendments to the Umno constitution and not to deal with the speculation over Mohamad Isa's position.

"However, the issue which has been highlighted in recent newspaper reports was also discussed and we have unanimously made our stand on it."

He said as both Mohamad Isa and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had quashed the speculation, it was only right that the people do not talk about it anymore.

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