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MCA chief goes back to office

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, who has withdrawn his decision to leave the Cabinet, returned to work today despite being on leave until Monday.

"There is a lot of backlog work when you leave the office for 10 days," he said.

Dr Ling declined to say more to reporters who had converged outside his house and at the Transport Ministry as early as 8.30am.

He merely smiled and waved to reporters who had asked him about his announcement yesterday that he would remain as Transport Minister.

He had told reporters that he would give them ample time to ask questions later.

Dr Ling dropped a bombshell May 22 during the party presidential council meeting when he informed party leaders of his intention to resign as Cabinet Minister.

The council, which continued to meet after Dr Ling left, immediately passed an unanimous resolution rejecting his decision and appealed to him to stay on.

Dr Mahathir, who was informed of Dr Ling's intention a week earlier, was quoted as saying that he would ask the Labis MP to reconsider his decision.

His announcement came a day after he returned from Australia.

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