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Mahathir-Muhyiddin

MUHYIDDIN'S ISSUE RESOLVED, SAYS DR M

ALOR SETAR, March 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the issue raised by Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin that there was an attempt by certain quarters to block his nomination for the vice-presidency has been resolved.

The prime minister confirmed that the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister gave him a report today on his allegation.

"I'm not at the liberty to explain (the report). You can ask Muhyiddin," he told reporters after handing over two sacrificial cows for tomorrow's Hari Raya Haji at his residence in Titi Gajah, near here.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said he had read the report.

"There's nothing. I've spoken to Muhyiddin. The matter has been resolved," he said.

Muhyiddin, a former Umno vice-president, said yesterday he would meet Dr Mahathir to explain the evidence he had to back his allegation.

Muhyiddin had claimed that certain people were trying to prevent Umno divisions in Johor from nominating him and a few others to contest for the third highest post in the May party elections.

He said on Sunday that 18 of the 20 divisions in Johor had been instructed by certain people not to nominate him for the post.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir handed over cows for sacrifice at Taman Mahsuri in Bandar Darulaman and Kampung Lembah Palas in Changlun.

He also went to Sekolah Menengah Agama Nadhah Hasanah Melele in Kodiang, near Changlun, to visit its headmaster Datuk Tajudin Abdul Rahman, 75, who is unwell.

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