

PM: I will not interfere in takeover of dailies

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KUALA LUMPUR: The takeover of Nanyang Press Holdings by Huaren Holdings Sdn Bhd, the investment arm of MCA, is purely a business transaction, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said he would not interfere in the matter involving *Nanyang Siang Pau* and *China Press*.

Asked if he would try to resolve the matter, he said: "Why should I interfere when this is a business transaction?"

When asked to comment on the current rift between several leaders in the MCA about the take-over, Dr Mahathir said:

"I wouldn't know. I just came back. I am learning this from you. You can't expect me to comment on something that you said."