

Malaysia not behind sackings in Myanmar

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KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday denied a report alleging that Malaysia was behind the dismissals of seven generals by the Myanmar government last weekend.

The Prime Minister said Malaysia had nothing to do with the workings of the governments of other countries.

"We are working closely with the Myanmar government but only in so far as helping them in their process of democratisation.

"They sought our help on that matter and we are helping them," he told reporters after opening a conference on terrorism-yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said there was no truth in the report because Malaysia did not meddle in the domestic business of other countries.

"We have nothing to do with that.

"It was their decision," he said.

The Nation, an English daily published in Bangkok, had reported on a major shake-up in Myanmar over the weekend, in which seven generals were ousted from administrative posts.

It said that Secretary One of the State Peace and Development Council Khin Nyunt fired the seven generals after pressure from Dr Mahathir during the Asean summit in Brunei recently.