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Mahathir-Mokhzani

I CANNOT STOP THE LIES, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that there is nothing he can do if lies continue to be spread over his son's involvement in business.

"What can I do if they are still at it...even if my son is dumped into the sea, they'll say that's another way to gain support. So if they're bent on spreading lies, they'll still do it," he told reporters at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base in Subang near here on his return from Dubai.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on allegations against his son Mokhzani even though he has announced his exit from the corporate world.

The prime minister said that he could not stop his children if they wish to be involved in business with the private sector.

"I have stopped my children from having anything to do with the government. Surely I cannot stop them if they wish to do business with the private sector, just not with the government," he said.

"But sometimes when he's involved in a takeover or whatever, he may land with a company after the takeover which has a company with a company somewhat involved with the government...that cannot be avoided," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that he was not aware of Mokhzani's action to exit from the corporate world.

"I don't know anything about it. I was told about it by the press. I don't have anything to say about my children's business. That is their affair, I have nothing to do with it," he said.

Two days ago, Mokhzani announced his exit from the corporate world as he was disappointed over allegations by irresponsible parties smearing his image and that of his father.

Mokhzani, 40, an engineer by training, is chief executive officer of Pantai Holdings Berhad and Tongkah Holdings Berhad.

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