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MB quashes rumours of Khor quitting

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KANGAR, Sun. - Indera Kayangan Assemblyman Datuk Khor Liang Tee, who is in critical condition with colon cancer, has not submitted his resignation letter.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, who confirmed this today, said rumours about Khor resigning were baseless.

"It's impossible for him to submit his resignation letter to me ... he can't even talk, let alone draft and sign a letter," he said when responding to speculation here that Khor had submitted his resignation letter, paving the way for a by-election.

Speaking to reporters at his house, Shahidan said he was constantly being updated about Khor's condition.

"The last time I checked, which was this morning, Khor was still in critical condition. He's still on a life support machine in the intensive care unit of a hospital in Kuala Lumpur," he said.

Khor, 61, is the Perlis MCA chairman and State Housing and Local Government Committee chairman. He has been in the hospital for four months.

Shahidan said he might drop Khor as a State Executive Council member when the term of the current Exco members ends on Dec 13.

He would discuss the matter with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at a meeting on Friday.

On an unrelated matter, Shahidan said two Opposition leaders in Perlis had applied to join Umno. He declined to name them.