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PM trusts and loves me, says Shahidan

KANGAR, Wed. - Perlis Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad trusted and loved him.

Shahidan said he would not have been appointed as the Barisan Nasional's by-election co-director, or managed to have maintained his position as Menteri Besar without such trust and love.

"If the Prime Minister doesn't trust me then I'll have to go, and in fact, I don't want to stay but I have to - because the Prime Minister trusts me so much. He loves me!" he told reporters who met him after his visit to the Kangar MCA division's operations centre here yesterday.

He was responding to a report which appeared in The Star yesterday.

The report quoted Parti Keadilan Nasional vice-president Azmin Ali as saying that Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib's appointment indicated that "something was not right" in Perlis Umno.

Shahidan said the decision to have a representative of the Umno supreme council and the Menteri Besar as co-directors of by-elections was made by the party supreme council, following the BN's Nov 29 Lunas State by-election defeat last year.

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