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Report completed on agency's reporting of PM's statement

KUANTAN, Sun. - The Information Ministry has completed a report on Associated Press' reporting on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement on the attack by United States on Afghanistan which would be tabled in the next Cabinet meeting.

Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said he was asked by the Cabinet last week to look into the matter.

"I cannot tell you anything about the report until I have obtained views of the Cabinet. We have already received an official apology from AP on the matter as was reported in the local media."

He told this to reporters after a dialogue with the Indera Mahkota Public Low-Cost House Action Committee, Malaysian Building Society Berhad and the Housing Unit, here, today.

On Oct 19, AP had officially apologised to Dr Mahathir after its reporter Sean Yoong had on Oct 8 reported out of context the Prime Minister's statement on the US attack on Afghanistan.

Asked whether the accreditation pass issued to reporters would be revoked if similar mistakes were made by the media, Khalil said this too would be looked into.

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