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Rumours of Perlis MCA leader's move to quit

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KANGAR, Thurs. - The State capital is abuzz with rumours that MCA State chief Datuk Khor Liang Tee has resigned as the State Assemblyman for Indera Kayangan for health reason.

Khor, 59, who was admitted to a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur, is said to have submitted his resignation letter to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad this morning.

Met by the New Straits Times at the hospital in Kuala Lumpur tonight, Khor, however, denied that he was giving up the post.

"It is all rumours. I am not resigning. In fact, I am attending the MCA Youth (annual general) meeting here (in Kuala Lumpur) tomorrow."

Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, approached at his residence here today, said he would call a Press conference after visiting Khor at the hospital tomorrow.

Shahidan's meeting with Barisan Nasional leaders in the Indera Kayangan constituency had fuelled further speculation that the State BN was preparing for a by-election.

Khor, who is Perlis executive councillor and chairman of the State Housing and Local Government Committee, has been undergoing treatment for cancer of the intestine over the past two years.