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MEETING WITH AUNG SAN SUU KYI, DR MAHATHIR DECLINES COMMENT

PETALING JAYA, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today declined to comment on reports about the possibility of his meeting with Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi when he visits that country in the middle of the month.

At a media conference after opening the Women Entrepreneurs Convention 2002 here, Dr Mahathir merely said: "No confirmation, there's nothing, no statement."

The Prime Minister said this when responding to questions from reporters whether Suu Kyi, the leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD), had invited him for a meeting and whether he would accept the invitation.

A local daily today reported that Dr Mahathir was expected to have a meeting with Suu Kyi at the invitation of the Myanmar opposition leader during his official visit to that country.

Dr Mahathir said his visit to Myanmar was at the invitation of the Myanmar government.

The Prime Minister is scheduled to make a two-day official visit to Myanmar on Aug 18, which will be his second visit to that country. His first was in January, last year.

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