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Munysi-Minister

I DON'T HAVE PROOF ON MINISTERS' INVOLVEMENT IN FSFM - MUNSYI

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Emergency Action Force (PTCM) Chief Munysi Muslim Jacob said today he has no documents to prove the involvement of cabinet ministers in the crippled bogus Federal Special Forces of Malaysia (FSFM).

He claimed that he never made a statement that ministers were involved in the illegal movement.

He said his statements have been misinterpreted by the media.

"It must be made clear that I heard from a government officer who claimed that a group is trying to force me and members of the PTCM Board to resign and those who helmed the FSFM will take over my post," said Munysi who contacted BERNAMA.

Munysi was commenting on the statements by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and several ministers who wanted him to substantiate his claims that two ministers were involved in the FSFM whose activities were crippled by the police following the arrest of its leader Nor Azami Ahmad Ghazali and more than 2,000 members.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim had warned that Munysi could be charged under the criminal laws for slandering if he was found to have deliberately made accusations without concrete proof.

Munysi explained that the document he stated earlier in his statements was more on the internal problems in the force and the correspondence between the PTCM and the Prime Minister's Department was to ensure the smooth operations of the force without any leadership problems.

He claimed that he was under tremendous pressure since early this year to ensure the force was on a strong footing after Nor Azami tried to weaken his leadership by influencing several people, including top government officials.

He said PTCM's credibility had been questioned due to inaccurate media reports, especially the Chinese newspapers, which had prompted Dr Mahathir and several ministers to make firm statements on this issue.

Munysi said he would give further explanation to the police who would record statements from him in Langkawi this evening.

He said he had no intention to link any minister with the FSFM and wished to apologise to everyone.

He also called for a stop to speculations associating ministers with the unregistered movement.

Munysi said he would meet Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi next week to explain his position and the future of the force.

"I'm prepared to bow out from continuing to lead the force but the decision cannot be made in a day or two because it must be ensured that the activities and financial status are in order to enable the new leadership to function without any obstacles in future, he said.

As at yesterday, 2,851 FSFM members have been detained and surrendered to the police from throughout the country after the operations of the movement were exposed with the arrest of Nor Azami, 35, in a raid at Pantai Dalam on July 24.

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