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LIM DENIES ASKING PM ABOUT LING'S QUIT LETTER

PUTRAJAYA, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek today denied asking the Prime Minister at yesterday's Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council meeting about MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik's offer to resign as the Transport Minister.

Lim said it was not true that he asked Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad about Dr Ling's resignation letter, which was submitted in August last year.

"It is not true as I never asked the Prime Minister during the meeting. You can check with anybody who attended the meeting," he told Bernama in a telephone interview.

The China Press and China Press Online reported that Lim asked Dr Mahathir on Dr Ling's resignation letter at the three-hour meeting.

According to the news reports, Lim's inquiry prompted Dr Mahathir to disclose at the meeting that Dr Ling had submitted the resignation letter.

Dr Ling subsequently announced his resignation to the media.

Lim described the news reports as unethical since the reporters did not seek any clarification before running the story. Upon reading the news reports, Lim protested to the editor-in-chief.

"I swear with my mother's soul that I have never asked that question as alleged, and if I have mentioned it in the meeting, I would resign," he added.

Dr Ling, when asked by reporters at the Transport Ministry in the afternoon, confirmed that Lim had not asked Dr Mahathir about his resignation letter at the meeting.

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