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MOGGIE'S RESIGNATION NOTHING TO DO WITH CABINET POST - DR M

CYBERJAYA, June 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Amar Leo Moggie's resignation as Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) president has nothing to do with his position as a cabinet minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The prime minister said: "It has nothing to do with the cabinet. That's his decision to quit as president (of PBDS), he can decide."

He said Moggie is still the Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister.

Dr Mahathir said he took into account Moggie's eligibility factor to be retained as a minister.

"As long as he is eligible to be a minister, I've the right to retain his post as a minister," he said when asked to comment on Moggie's resignation as PBDS president.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir visited the InventQ Jaya Centre here today.

Moggie had served in the cabinet for 25 years.

Asked whether whoever elected as PBDS president in the party elections next month would be automatically appointed as a minister, Dr Mahathir said: "That's their business, they can take the post, but they cannot take the ministry. The ministry is not their pre-rogative."

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