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DR MAHATHIR DECLINES COMMENT ON MAHALEEL

KUALA LUMPUR, July 25 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today declined to comment on Proton Holdings Bhd decision not to continue the contract of its group chief executive officer Tengku Tan Sri Dr Mahaleel Tengku Ariff.

However, Dr Mahathir, who is Proton's adviser, said that he has been informed about the decision by Proton's board made today.

He said this to reporters after he was awarded the "Tokoh Perdana Buku Negara 2005" here today.

Asked when he would comment on the matter, he said: "Tomorrow, I'm sleepy."

Proton Holdings said that Tengku Mahaleel's contract would expire on Sept 30, 2005.

He will be on leave from tomorrow until the expiry of the contract.

Proton said that to ensure the smooth running of the national car manufacturer, the board appointed Datuk Kisai Rahmat and Datuk Kamarulzaman Darus as joint chief operating officers (COS), effective tomorrow.

Kisai is currently Director of Operations, while Kamarulzaman is currently Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Proton Tanjung Malim Sdn Bhd. --
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