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Dr M: Situation will improve

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the situation in MCA will certainly improve with the resignation of MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik and his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek.

Dr Mahathir, who is the Barisan Nasional chairman, expressed hope that the move would mend the relations between the two groups in the party.

"If they have done (resign) so, it must be in the interest of the party."

The Prime Minister said this after chairing an Umno supreme council meeting at Putra World Trade Centre today.

But Dr Mahathir said he had yet to be informed by both leaders of their decision to step down.

"I agreed to his (Dr Ling's) decision to step down for quite some time already and he had even submitted his resignation letter to me," he said.