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No plan to see Ling, says Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has no plans to seek an explanation from MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik over allegations that the party has been infiltrated by triads.

"I will not be seeing Dr Ling because I am still on leave," said the Prime Minister who is on leave until May 4.

Dr Mahathir was asked whether he will be meeting Dr Ling to seek an explanation on the allegations made by MCA Youth chief Datuk Ong Tee Keat recently.

The allegations had sparked off fresh confrontations between MCA's feuding Team A and Team B and the party's presidential council has decided to refer Ong to the party's disciplinary board for alleged indiscipline.

Dr Mahathir said he understood that the matter was under investigation and asked his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is acting Prime Minister while he is on leave, to explain.

Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, said both the police and MCA were investigating the allegations.

He also said the names of those alleged to be involved in triads had been given to Dr Ling.