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'We will discuss Dr M probe'

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Home Minister to meet IGP over Tun's anti-Najib speech

THE Home Ministry will discuss with the police if Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should be probed over his speech against the Prime Minister at a public rally in Kg Baru.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said he would discuss with Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar if there was sufficient evidence to investigate the former prime minister.

"That is the prerogative of the authority. In this particular issue, the police. I have not discussed the matter with the IGP yet.

"I will discuss it but it depends on how strong the evidence is," Dr Ahmad Zahid, who is the Home Minister, told reporters at the Umno general assembly.

On Monday, Dr Mahathir had in a rally - attended by Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal - reportedly called for Najib to be arrested under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (Sosma).

Dr Ahmad Zahid also revealed that he had met with - not one but several representatives of the RM2.6bil donor.

This, he said, was why he had recently used the word "plural" in



All smiles: (From left) Hishammuddin, Shafie, Dr Ahmad Zahid and Muhyiddin sharing a light moment on the second day of the Umno general assembly.

clarifying the number political donors.

"I want to explain plural because I met with more than one person representing the donor in question. I believe the matter has been explained by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission in its official statement," he said, adding that his views did not differ from that of the anti-graft body.

Asked if the donor was an indi-

vidual or a government administration, he said he would allow the MACC to explain in detail once its investigations were over.

In a recent interview with AgendaDaily and the Barisan Nasional Backbenchers Club (BNBBC) portal, Dr Ahmad Zahid said that the donor was not an individual but leaders of a government.

He did not reveal much else, except that the donor had also given



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large sums of money to other countries in the past.

At the same press conference, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said the probe by the party's disciplinary committee into Muhyiddin's speech at the rally would proceed even if an apology was forthcoming.

"It is not a matter of apologising or not - even if there is an apology to begin with. The investigation will go on to determine if the individual concerned has done anything wrong," he said.

Asked if the party would heed the wishes of some delegates for a reconciliation between the top two Umno leaders, Hishammuddin said he was also hoping for that.

"The door is always open but it also depends on the individual himself," he said, adding that some time might be needed for a reconciliation owing to the nature of the fall-out.