

Guan Eng's Mandarin statement 'minor mistake' - Dr M

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PETALING JAYA, June 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today described as a minor mistake a statement in Mandarin issued by Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng that had drawn flak from various quarters.

He said it was normal for mistakes to be made by individuals and it was needless to blow up the issue.

"It's not that we want to advise ... he (Lim) made a mistake, it was not deliberate. He can issue statements as usual in his capacity as a minister," Dr Mahathir told a press conference here.

Lim had reportedly defended his action in issuing statements in three languages, namely Bahasa Melayu, English and Mandarin, when he discussed the Tun Razak Exchange issue last Thursday.

However, a post he uploaded onto his Facebook account yesterday to defend his statements made in the three languages last Thursday was only in Mandarin.

Replying to a question on another matter, Dr Mahathir said the names of the remaining members of the Cabinet had been decided and would be announced at the swearing-in of the ministers soon.

On May 21, the first batch of 13 Cabinet ministers took their oath of office before the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V.

The Pakatan Harapan coalition formed the government following its victory in the 14th general election on May 9.

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