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ALOR SETAR, APRIL 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR  
(MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY DENIED THAT HE WILL APPOINT UMNO YOUTH HEAD  
ANWAR IBRAHIM AS HIS SUCCESSOR.

+I HAVE NO POWER TO APPOINT THE PRIME MINISTER. UMNO AND THE  
UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPOINT THE PARTY PRESIDENT WHO WILL BECOME  
PRIME MINISTER,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

OPENING THE +KEDAH UMNO '87 CONVENTION+ HERE, HE SAID THE  
ALLEGATION THAT HE WOULD APPOINT ENCIK ANWAR WAS NOT TRUE AND WAS  
BEING DELIBERATELY SPREAD IN THE COURSE OF THE CAMPAIGN TO SECURE  
POSTS AT THE APRIL 24 PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

HE SAID HE APPOINTED ENCIK GHAFAR BABA AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
BECAUSE ENCIK GHAFAR COULD COOPERATE WITH HIM.

+AS SUCH I SUPPORT THE ELECTION OF ENCIK GHAFAR AS UMNO DEPUTY  
PRESIDENT BECAUSE THE UMNO CONSTITUTION SAYS THE DUTIES OF THE  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT ARE TO ASSIST THE PRESIDENT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE  
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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS LATER, HE SAID THE COUNTRY'S INVESTMENT  
SITUATION WAS VERY ENCOURAGING THOUGH THERE WERE QUARTERS WHICH  
CLAIMED THAT FOREIGN CAPITALISTS DID NOT WANT TO INVEST IN MALAYSIA  
BECAUSE OF THE PRESENT SCRAMBLE FOR POWER IN UMNO.

ACCORDING TO BANK NEGARA RECORDS, FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA  
DURING THE LAST SIX MONTHS TOTALLED \$4.5 BILLION, HE SAID.

LAST MONTH ALONE \$500 MILLION WAS INVESTED IN MALAYSIA BY  
FOREIGNERS.

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