
PM: I will support Ghafar

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TAPAN: Umno president Datuk Seri Dr **Mahathir Mohamad** made it clear that he will support Abdul Ghafar Baba for the party's deputy president's post.

He said **accrding** to party **tradition**, when the incumbent **had** offered to defend the post, there should not be any contest.

However, he said, he would leave it to the delegates to make the decision.

Asked if he would confirm newspaper reports

last week which quoted Ghafar as saying that he (Dr Mahathir) had **pledged his** support to the latter, Dr Mahathir replied:

"Yes, I will support him as deputy president."

Dr Mahathir told a press conference on the peak of Gunung **Tempurong** near the uncompleted stretch of the **North-South Highway** that he still stood by his **personal** opinion that the top **two** posts in the party should not be contested.