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I AM CONVINCED GHAFAR WILL NOT ABANDON UMNO'S STRUGGLE - MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 4 (Bernama) -- ⁹³ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is ^B convinced that former Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba will not abandon the Umno struggle even though he no longer holds any post in the party.

He would not make the same mistake as that of Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah who abandoned the Umno struggle, the Prime Minister said.

"Ghafar is not like Tengku Razaleigh," Dr Mahathir said when commenting on points raised during the debate on his presidential address at the opening of the Umno General Assembly this morning.

Ghafar resigned from all posts in the government and Umno after obtaining only seven nominations for re-election as party Deputy President from 153 Umno Divisions compared to the 145 nominations received by Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Ghafar did not attend today's Umno general Assembly as he is overseas.

The Prime Minister also said he had yet to decide on any new role for Ghafar.

"We can't say off hand just like that. I will have to think about it later if there is a (new) role. -- Bernama

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