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Mahathir-Anwar

PM DENIES ANWAR HAS RESIGNED

KUALA LUMPUR, May 24 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today denied rumours that Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has resigned from the cabinet.

He said the rumourmongers were lunatic and wanted to see Malaysian leaders quarelling which other, then there would be much news.

"There's nothing really. They're not happy if there is no problems.

"People are very unhappy as to why we are stable. Everywhere I go people asked how is it Malaysia is stable.

They are very unhappy because they feel that Malaysia should be unstable," he told reporters at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang on his return from a 12-day working visit overseas.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on reports by a foreign news agency and a newspaper in a neighbouring on talk that Anwar had tendered his resignation letter as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister.

The reports, which appeared about two weeks ago, quoted sources in the financial markets that Anwar would announce his resignation but this was later denied by the Deputy Prime Minister's office.

Dr Mahathir said those spreading the rumours were unhappy if he and Anwar did not quarrel.

"I would like to put that person inside a lunatic asylum. He must have something wrong inside," he said when asked repeatedly whether it was true that Anwar had tendered his resignation letter. -- BERNAMA

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