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RESPECT PARTY HIERARCHY, SAYS NAJIB

PEKAN, Nov 24 (Bernama) -- There will not be any dispute as to who will succeed the Prime Minister if everyone respects the hierarchy in Umno, party vice president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

The question of who would take over from Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should not arise as Umno had its own party hierarchy, he told reporters after chairing the Pekan Umno divisional meeting, here.

"The hierarchy is already there, thus there should not be any dispute as to who should succeed the Prime Minister. As long as we respect the party hierarchy whatever changes there may be will be done smoothly," he added.

He was asked to comment on the recent statement by Dr Mahathir who expressed his full support to Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as his successor.

The Prime Minister said the support was in line with the wishes of Umno members who had chosen Anwar as party deputy president.

Najib, who is also Education Minister, said he would investigate the report about a candidate who sat for the Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) in hospital but was stated as absent in the UPSR result which was announced recently.

The candidate, Mohd Hafiz Burhanuddin, 12, obtained 3A's for Understanding Bahasa Melayu, Written Bahasa Melayu and English Language. However, the result for Mathematics was stated as "T" (absent).

Mohd Hafiz, from Sekolah Kebangsaan Jabi, Jertih, Terengganu was reported to have sat for the UPSR in a ward of Hospital Universiti Kubang Kerian, Kota Bharu, Kelantan after being involved in a road accident in August. -- BERNAMA

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