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(Prime Minister Datuk Seri ... )

LONDON, Wed: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is not preparing for a "handover to the Deputy Prime Minister", however the "fact remains that at some stage or other I have to stop being the Prime Minister, either through natural factors or voluntarily".

He was responding to a question from a foreign journalist who wanted to know whether he was preparing to hand over the premiership by taking two to three months' break and appointing Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as Acting Prime Minister for the first time.

Dr Mahathir also brushed aside concern about his health and told a British television journalist: "You are taking pictures of me, you can see... (that I am in good health).

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