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SERVE WELL, PM TELLS NEW MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER

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LONDON, May 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants the newly appointed chief minister of Melaka, Datuk Abu Zahar Isnin, to discharge his duties well and not to misuse his authority.

As the chief minister, Abu Zahar has many powers and these should not be abused, the Prime Minister told a news conference at the end of his five-day visit to Britain.

Abu Zahar was appointed to the post to fill in the vacancy after Datuk Seri Mohd Zin Abdul Ghani died of a stroke on May 14.

Dr Mahathir said that in view of the fact that Melaka was under Barisan Nasional (BN) rule, it was important that there be close cooperation with the federal government.

"This is because we find that some state governments, despite being BN governments, adopt stands that differ from those of the federal government," he said.

The Prime Minister also said that from now on, priority would be given to the "clean" factor when appointing politicians to key positions in the country.

"We want clean candidates, not only clean but seen to be clean.

"We don't want candidates who are clean but are seen to be dirty...that's the most important thing," he added. -- BERNAMA

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