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DR MAHATHIR DISMISSES RUMOURS OF CABINET RESHUFFLE

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is no truth in rumours of a cabinet reshuffle.

"There is no truth in speculations of changes in the cabinet line-up, until it becomes the truth," he said when asked to comment on speculations of changes in his cabinet line-up.

Dr Mahathir said this at a news conference after a special interview on the country's economic situation, televised live over RTM.

When asked to comment on the possibility of Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim resigning, he said: "You will have to ask him. If he wants to resign how do I know what he is thinking."

In a lighter vein, the prime minister said: "If he offers to resign, if he gives a very good reason, health reasons, like I can't breathe anymore and all that, I will have to accept. It all depends on the reason."

Anwar, after meeting Permatang Pauh Umno division members in Pulau Pinang yesterday, had said he was not resigning from any government or political posts.

Asked on his relations with Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, Dr Mahathir described them as "good".

On the new measures to control capital flows announced by Bank Negara today, he said they were supported by the Finance Ministry.

He said Anwar was one of the members of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) executive committee which endorsed the measures.

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