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DR MAHATHIR SAYS HE HAS GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH ANWAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today his relationship with his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim is "good".

Asked to comment on the possibility of Anwar resigning, Dr Mahathir said: "You will have to ask him. If he wants to resign how do I know what he is thinking."

"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," said Dr Mahathir when asked on the status of Anwar at a news conference after he appeared in a special televised interview on the country's economic situation here.

Dr Mahathir also quashed speculations of a Cabinet reshuffle.

"There is no truth until it becomes the truth," he said.

Yesterday, Anwar, after meeting Permatang Pauh Umno division members in Pulau Pinang, repeated that he was not resigning from any government or political posts.

Despite his assertions, there are rumours that Anwar, who is also Finance Minister, has tendered his resignation.

In reply to a question, Dr Mahathir said Anwar and the Finance Ministry supported the new measures announced by Bank Negara today to control capital flows.

He said Anwar was an executive member of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) which was set up to chart the country's economic recovery.

Dr Mahathir is NEAC chairman.

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