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GHAFAF BABA OFFERS TO EXPLAIN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- Former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba has offered his services to explain to the people particularly Umno members the economic problems besetting the country.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Ghafar's offer should not be misconstrued that he was making a comeback to active politics.

" This is his sincere contribution to the country as he has the time to play a role in tackling the problems.

" Don't accuse him that he wants to campaign. He is sincere and I believe him," he told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting tonight.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said the party would arrange for the meetings.

Dr Mahathir said the supreme council, Umno's highest policy-making body, also discussed tonight the depreciation of the share and ringgit as well as ways the government would overcome them.

He said he would meet newspaper editors tomorrow to brief them on the measures taken by the government to address the problems.

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