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I've many in mind as possible deputy, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he had "a lot of people in mind" to be the new Deputy Prime Minister but had "still not decided" on who it would be.

"I am still thinking. I haven't decided," he said when asked about when he would be making a decision on the matter.

Asked if he had anyone in mind, Dr Mahathir said: "I have a lot of people in mind ... people who apparently consider they are eligible."

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after addressing about 1,500 Felda scheme leaders at Balai Felda.

Asked if he was considering any of the Umno vice-presidents or none of them, he said: "That I cannot tell you. If I did, that would be difficult. Below the party president, below the vice-presidents, below that ... no, I cannot tell you."

The party's three vice-presidents are Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib who is currently on leave from the post.

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