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Rafidah relieved No. 2 position has been filled

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said she felt relieved that the post of Deputy Prime Minister had been filled.

She said it demonstrated to the world that Malaysia had no problem looking for former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's replacement and it was clear that political stability, be it in Umno or the Government, was not shaken.

"I say so because too often we hear stories as though we in Malaysia have no other leader when Anwar was sacked ... it's very clear that we have no problem."

Rafidah, who is also International Trade and Industry Minister, said the main task now was to strive for Malaysia's economic recovery.

On the appointment of Tun Daim Zainuddin as First Finance Minister, Rafidah said it should not be a problem to anybody.

"It's clear that the PM was thinking of a Cabinet which could work together to enhance efforts to boost economic performance and to face the coming general election," she added.

Another council member, Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob, said every supreme council member had agreed that to accept whoever was appointed by Dr Mahathir.

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