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We will cooperate with Indon govt in power, says Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: Malaysia will cooperate with any government that comes into power in Indonesia, the prime minister said today.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia will be happy to work with whoever the people of Indonesia choose to lead their country.

"It's a matter for Indonesia to decide, we don't try to evaluate which government is better as it is their right to choose," he said.

Asked if the new leadership in

Indonesia will affect the strength of Asean, Mahathir said he did not think so as Thailand also had a change of prime minister.

He told reporters in jest that only Malaysia had not changed its leadership.

Asked if Malaysia intends to help Indonesia, Mahathir said: "If we are approached for cooperation to assist in the recovery of their economy, we will work with them because if they don't recover, we will have problems in terms of trade and in other areas."