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PM: New appointees good for airline

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad described the appointments of Petronas chairman Tan Sri Azizan Zainul Abidin as Malaysia Airlines chairman and Finance Ministry adviser Datuk Md Nor Md Yusof as its managing director as "good".

"I think it is a good appointment. We have Tan Sri Azizan as non-executive chairman and we have an executive in charge. I think they can work together. Azizan has been able to make Petronas function well. I am quite sure he will be able to manage this."

On views that Azizan, being Petronas chairman and Putrajaya Corporation president, would have too much things on his plate, Dr Mahathir felt the post of non-executive chairman was not too burdensome. On the contention that Azizan's appointment showed the dearth of capable leaders to head MAS, he said: "Perhaps someone more capable will be found in the future. This (appointment) is not permanent, not a lifetime job."

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