

Najib: Dr M's statement on DPM's post

a real surprise

ALOR STAR: Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is surprised over the statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of the possibility that he may become the next Deputy Prime Minister.

"I do not know what to say. It is the Prime Minister's statement. We accept the Prime Minister's statement as how we usually give weight to the Prime Minister's statement," he told reporters here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was quoted to have said on Wednesday: "Actually if I am no longer the Prime Minister, Pak Lah (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) will be the Prime Minister today and perhaps Najib will be the Deputy Prime Minister, but they are willing to wait for another 16 months to assume their posts."