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ANYONE CAN CONTEST FOR PUTRAJAYA SEAT, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

SHAH ALAM, May 4 (Bernama) -- The election of the Member of Parliament for Putrajaya is open to anyone who is qualified, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We don't care where they are from but we pick leaders who are suitable," the prime minister told reporters after launching the Workers Day rally at Stadium Melawati, here.

He was asked to comment on a suggestion that the MP for Putrajaya should be a leader from Selangor.

Dr Mahathir said there were no specific criteria for the election of the Putrajaya MP.

The bill on the creation of the Putrajaya seat was passed by the Dewan Negara at its sitting recently.

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