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JAMALUDIN'S APPOINTMENT TO REDUCE WORKLOAD, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that Datuk Dr Jamaludin Jarjis' appointment as Second Finance Minister will help reduce his workload as Finance Minister but he is still in charge of the ministry.

"I have so much to do in the Finance Ministry. Too much...having to meet people, papers to read..." he said.

"As such, Jamaludin will be able to reduce my workload at the ministry," he told a media conference at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) station in Subang near here on his return from an official visit to Paris.

Jamaludin, the former Tenaga Nasional Bhd chairman, was appointed Second Finance Minister on Tuesday.

Asked whether Jamaludin will be appointed Umno treasurer, Dr Mahathir said that there no mention of it.

He was referred to the period when the post of treasurer was held by Tun Daim Zainuddin when the Finance Minister then was Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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