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`Don't make issue out of PM's statement'

IPOH, Fri. - Umno Information chief Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob today advised party members not to make an issue out of the president's statement on the next Deputy Prime Minister.

"Everyone should wait until the time comes and support whoever is appointed by Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi when he takes over as the country's number one.

"That is only his (Dr Mahathir) assumption if he resigns immediately ... we should wait and see after his resignation," he said when asked to comment on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement about Defence Minister and Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak being considered as Deputy Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir was reported to have said that when he was no longer Prime Minister, Pak Lah (Abdullah) would be the Prime Minister and perhaps Najib would be the Deputy Prime Minister.