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Don't make up negative stories about me and my deputy, says Dr Mahathir

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people should not make up stories about him and his deputy, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"There is no problem between me and him. Do not make up stories about me coming back to take over because I have no trust (in Abdullah) ...do not create stories which are not true," he said at the start of a Press conference held after he chaired a three-hour Umno supreme council meeting at the Umno headquarters in Menara Dato Onn here.

Dr Mahathir who is on a two-month leave said he chaired the meeting on Abdullah's request.

He said he had initially wanted to attend the meeting as an ordinary council member but Abdullah had asked him to chair it instead.

"I returned from overseas yesterday and should have not chaired the supreme council meeting today. When I met Abdullah, he told me there will be a supreme council meeting today and asked me to attend it.

"At first I wanted to attend (the meeting) as an ordinary member but I was asked to chair it," he explained.

Dr Mahathir also clarified that Abdullah was also made acting Umno president and acting Barisan Nasional chairman besides being Acting Prime Minister and Acting Finance Minister while he (Mahathir) is on leave.