

'NO TIMELINE FOR DR M TO TRANSFER POWER TO ANWAR'

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will decide the appropriate time to pass the baton and they will know when is the best time to do so, Pakatan Harapan (PH) secretary-general Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah said.

He said there was also no deadline set on when the transfer of leadership will take place.

Asked if Dr Mahathir would remain as prime minister for the next five years, Saifuddin said PH had not discussed the matter.

"As I said, the reason we don't have a timeline in the agreement is because we respect the two leaders.

"Between them, they will know what is the best thing to do.

"I'm sure they will be able to decide (on the matter)," he said after receiving a courtesy call from United Kingdom Secretary



Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah says there is no timeline because 'we respect the two leaders'.
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of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs Jeremy Hunt at Wisma Putra here.

On Wednesday, Anwar, who is the prime minister in-waiting, tweeted that Dr Mahathir must be given the space to lead the government for the agreed upon duration.

He also said Dr Mahathir had the full support of PH.

His tweets came after a meeting with Dr Mahathir.

Saifuddin said he was happy

that both leaders had a fruitful meeting on the matter.

Before the 14th General Election, PH component parties agreed that if the coalition won, Dr Mahathir would be the prime minister for two years before handing over the position to Anwar.

Dr Mahathir had also said that he would keep his word as he was "only a temporary PM".

On a separate matter, Saifuddin refused to answer questions

on PKR deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali, who expressed dissatisfaction over appointments made by Anwar, which saw former vice-president Rafizi Ramli being reinstated to his old post.

"I can't comment on internal affairs. Azmin has his point as to why he made the statement.

"PKR has its own way of resolving the issue.

"This can be resolved between Anwar and Azmin," he added.