

**Anyone replacing Anwar makes a good leader, says Dr M**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24, 2014: Anyone replacing PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would make a good leader, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad. With PKR deputy president Mohamed Azmin Ali being picked as Selangor's Menteri Besar, the country's fourth prime minister advised the Bukit Antarabangsa assemblyman to be his own man. "Well, the remote control now would have to be changed a little bit," Dr Mahathir said after delivering a key note speech at the CEO Forum 2014. "The remote would not be near as PKR's president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail but the remote would still continue," Dr Mahathir said.

He added that Azmin would make a good Menteri Besar should he not listen to instructions from "elsewhere". When asked if Azmin is capable of replacing Anwar as leader of the party, Dr Mahathir took a swipe at the former Umno man. "Anyone who replaces Anwar would make a good leader. Wherever he goes he has problems," Dr Mahathir said, adding that Anwar had faced problems when he was in Umno, in PKR, and when he wished to be a prime minister and Menteri Besar. "My advice to Azmin would be, try to be on your own man." Dr Mahathir then revealed that during his tenure as prime minister, the Sultan did not overstep his boundaries to elect a representative as Menteri Besar because the candidate had received full backing and support from Barisan Nasional (BN). "The Sultan accepts anyone who received full backing from a party. "But here you have three parties each pulling its own way and so they themselves are not certain which one they want. And they (PKR) put up a candidate who is not supported by the other component parties," he said. Pitting the blame on the failure of Pakatan Rakyat to come up with a candidate which was not properly backed by all component parties, Dr Mahathir said the Selangor MB crisis would never have been prolonged.

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