

Kit Siang's action ⁴⁷ laced with ^{3.8.8.98} nepotism, says Dr M

PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang's move to bring his son into the party was an act of nepotism.

"It's obvious. Ever since he made his son a candidate in the constituency (Kota Melaka) that he used to contest, there was this element of nepotism, almost like cronyism," the Prime Minister said.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the latest crisis to hit the opposition party which suspended two party stalwarts and removed another from their party posts.

DAP chairman Dr Chen Man Hin had said that the three campaigned among party members, alleging nepotism and felt that deputy secretary-general Lim Guan Eng was being promoted by Lim Kit Siang.

The Prime Minister felt that the act to use Guan Eng's court case to criticise the country and judiciary should not have been done even by an opposition party.

"It looks like Kit Siang gives priority to his family. This is a type of nepotism. He picks his own son to be the deputy secretary-general.

"If others do it, he says its nepotism. Even before he forms the Government, he has given a place to his son.

"(Perhaps) when the DAP forms the Government in future, his wife and others will be in the Cabinet," he told reporters on his return from a working visit to Japan.