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KIT SIANG PRACTISES NEPOTISM, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad today said DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang is practising nepotism by putting family interests first over the party's.

He said this when asked to comment on the DAP suspending two central executive committee members and removing another yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said: "This is a kind of nepotism. He picks his own son to be his deputy.

"If others do it, he says it's nepotism," Dr Mahathir said at an airport press conference on his return today from a five-day working visit to Japan.

The DAP yesterday suspended Liew Ah Kim as party vice chairman, Fung Ket Wing as treasurer and removed Wee Choo Keong as its national publicity secretary.

Earlier today, at a press conference in Petaling Jaya Lim denied that three party stalwarts were reportedly removed or suspended from their posts for criticising Lim in connection with his son's recent court case.

The trio had also reportedly expressed dissatisfaction over the roadshow organised by Lim to attract public sympathy for Guan Eng who was sentenced to 36 months imprisonment for printing false news and inciting the public.

"For me, for a long time, when he brought his son to be a candidate in the constituency he used to contest, an element of nepotism is already there, almost like cronyism," he said.

The prime minister also said even the opposition should not have attempted to capitalise on the Guan Eng issue to discredit the country and its judicial system.

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