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`Suspension of DAP leaders indicates nepotism'

PETALING JAYA, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the suspension of two key DAP leaders and the removal of another from their party positions, was an indication that secretary-general Lim Kit Siang practices nepotism.

"It looks like Kit Siang is not concerned about his party. He is more concerned about his son (MP for Kota Melaka Lim Guan Eng) and his family. This is actually, nepotism.

"He chose his son as deputy secretary-general of the party. If others do the same thing, he will call it nepotism.

"DAP has not even formed the Government and he has already given a place to his son. If DAP manages to form the Government one day, his son, his wife and other family members will be in the Cabinet," he said on his arrival at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang after a working visit to Japan.

On Wednesday, the DAP central executive committee suspended its vice-chairman Liew Ah Kim and treasurer Fung Ket Wing for criticising its leadership at party meetings.

National publicity secretary Wee Choo Keong was relieved of his position.

Asked to comment on the action against the three, Dr Mahathir said:

"The fact that Kit Siang had brought his son to contest in a constituency which he himself used to contest (Kota Melaka), already reveals elements of nepotism and cronyism."

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