

**Kit Siang: Make Chua Soi Lek Umno president**  
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Batting back former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamed's "tongue-in-cheek" barb, DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang dared the former Umno strongman to propose a Chinese for Umno president.

"The response to Tun Dr Mahathir's tongue-in-cheek proposal that I be made PAS president, is to ask whether Mahathir would propose (MCA chief) Chua Soi Lek for Umno president," said Lim in a statement today.

He was responding to Mahathir's sarcastic jibe yesterday, calling for Lim to be made PAS president, if the party is so eager to appoint non-Muslims to its top leadership.

Mahathir himself was reacting to PAS Kuala Selangor MP Dzulkefly Ahmad's statement saying that the Islamic party may be willing to appoint a non-Muslim as its deputy president.

Lim (right) also questioned Mahathir's statement yesterday that all the Tuns and their sons and grandsons should all be investigated in response to the DAP leader's call for a full audit and accounting of the RM100 billion allegedly lost during Mahathir's 22-year premiership.

Delivering a Shahrizat poke

"When Mahathir said he is prepared to be investigated for the RM100 billion losses from financial scandals during his premiership provided all the Tuns and their sons and grandsons are also investigated, is he just doing a Shahrizat?"

Lim suggested that Mahathir may be rephrasing federal minister Shahrizat Abdul Jalil's "Tell me, which Umno leader does not have problems?" remark when confronted about the RM250 million National Feedlot Centre scandal.

He contended that Mahathir's confidence is because the former premier felt immune as other Tuns and their sons and grandsons would never agree to any full investigation, even to clear their names.

Lim called upon other Tuns from the Mahathir era, former prime minister Abdullah Badawi and former federal ministers Musa Hitam, Daim Zainuddin, Ling Liong Sik or Lim Keng Yaik to speak up.

"Are they prepared to support a full audit and investigation into the RM100 billion losses suffered by the country as a result of the financial scandals in the 22-year Mahathir premiership."

Lim also called on scions of previous prime ministers, Abdul Razak Hussein and Hussein Onn, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak and the Home Minister Hishammuddin Hussein respectively and sitting cabinet ministers, to speak up on their willingness to be probed.

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