

My words were twisted, Dr M tells Kit Siang during meet
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Dr Mahathir Mohamad has accused certain media of twisting his words on DAP purportedly requesting for the deputy prime minister post if the opposition wins the next general election.

The former prime minister clarified the matter during a meeting with DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang in Kuala Lumpur this morning, according to DAP lawmaker Liew Chin Tong, who was also present.

Liew said the meeting was scheduled prior to the media controversy concerning the post of deputy prime minister.

"Kit Siang and Mahathir exchanged views on the state of the economy, foreign direct investments, the politics of Sabah and Sarawak empowerment and clarity in political realignment.

"On the question of deputy prime ministership, Mahathir explained certain media were twisting his words. He just said he merely heard of such a suggestion," he added.

Meanwhile, Liew said Kit Siang informed Mahathir that DAP did not ask for the position.

The MP noted that it was MCA that sought for a second deputy prime minister's post in April 2009, when Prime Minister Najib Razak first came into office.

"DAP is a party of ideals and ideas, and not a party that seeks positions for the sake of power. DAP's political struggle is to save Malaysia and build democratic institutions for a better Malaysia," Liew said.

In a video recording of the question-and-answer session where Mahathir brought up the issue regarding the post of deputy prime minister, the former PM had responded to a question on cooperating with DAP.

Mahathir railed against DAP's reputation as a Chinese party, and said that DAP had never requested for the prime minister's post.

"DAP has never asked to be prime minister, never.

"Adalah dia minta jadi timbalan, tu adalah (They did ask to be the deputy, that one they did). But for prime minister, they never asked," he said.

However, in the recording, Mahathir did not state that he "heard" of DAP having made the request, which was what Liew said the former prime minister told him and Kit Siang during their meeting.

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