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Pas raps Kit Siang for wanting to work with Dr M, not Pas

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KUALA LUMPUR: Lim Kit Siang's proposal to team up with his old political foe Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to "save the country", is mind-boggling and smacked of hypocrisy.

That is the sentiment conveyed by Pas vice-president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man, who believed the idea was mooted by the DAP adviser to neutralise the implementation of hudud.

Tuan Ibrahim said the suggestion came about after the Kelantan Syariah Criminal Code (II) 1993 (Amendment 2015), and it was perplexing for Lim gearing to cooperate with Dr Mahathir and rivals, and at the same time, launch attacks against Pas for promoting Islamic jurisprudence.

"Now, he wants to work with those (whom the opposition) labelled as 'looters'. Is Pas being considered as worse than looters simply because we are obliged to shoulder responsibilities decreed by our Creator?"

"This is strange because he had attacked Pas for purportedly desiring to work with Umno," said Tuan Ibrahim yesterday.

On Saturday, Lim announced that he was willing to work with the former prime minister in order to realise his idea of a new coalition, comprising parliamentarians from both sides of the divide.

Tuan Ibrahim said at least Pas was consistent in insisting that the party would not work with Umno.

"The only cooperation taking place is between Kelantan Pas government and the Federal Government on matters relating to the Kelantan syariah criminal code. That is between governments."

Meanwhile, Penang Gerakan secretary Oh Tong Keong said Lim's offer to work with Dr Mahathir was just another proof that DAP was a political party with no principles.

He said it was shocking that a veteran opposition politician like Lim was now interested to work with Dr Mahathir to form a new coalition government.

Oh said Lim's offer was bewildering because people could remember well that Lim had always been against Dr Mahathir and his policies when the latter was prime minister.

"Lim's call is perplexing and goes beyond imagination. At first, he was talking about new Barisan Nasional or a new Pakatan, but today, he is interested to work with Dr Mahathir to form a new coalition," said Oh.

Alternatively, Oh said Lim's proposal could also be aimed at diverting the people's attention from DAP's failure to stop Pas from tabling the hudud enactment in Kelantan.

"The people should reconsider their support for DAP.

"They first work with Pas and now they want to work with Dr Mahathir. Can we make clear of their principles?"