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'Not that simple to be prime minister'

ALOR STAR: Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said DAP Parliamentary Leader Lim Kit Siang's statement on PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail being an interim prime minister, is a "comedy".

Lim had said Wan Azizah would assume the post pending a royal pardon for Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim should Pakatan Harapan win the next general election.

Mahdzir said the process for Anwar to be appointed prime minister, if he receives a pardon from the Yang di-

Pertuan Agong, was not that simple.

"It is absolutely unrealistic. Imagine Wan Azizah having to vacate her seat after Anwar gets the pardon to allow for a by-election, which would then have to be followed by many other processes.

"All these cannot be done in a short time," he said yesterday.

Local media reported that at a function in Penang recently, Lim proposed Wan Azizah and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin be made interim prime minister and deputy prime minister respectively, should the Opposition win.

This means Wan Azizah would be

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serving as prime minister for only a few months, said Mahdzir, who is also education minister.

He said the Opposition was trying to make the people believe it was capable of leading the country.

But disagreement by other opposition parties on their choice of candidate for prime minister clearly showed there was no consensus among them on the issue, Mahdzir said.

"They don't take it seriously when talking about leadership. They are not confident in their decisions, every party has its own agenda," he added. - Bernama