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Muhyiddin as PM a red herring

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Dr M wants Mukhriz as next PM, says Salleh

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IT seems that Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is seeking to deflect talk that he wants his son, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, to be the next prime minister.

Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak, in reference to a report by a local news portal, said by naming Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as the prime minister if the opposition won the next general election, the former premier was suggesting that his son would not take over.

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"By naming Muhyiddin as the next prime minister, he is suggesting that his son is not taking over," he said in the latest post on his blog, sskeruak.blogspot.my.

Salleh said Dr Mahathir confirmed what he announced in Petaling Jaya in 2008, that the new prime minister must be "guided" by a committee of elders and not be allowed a free hand in running the country.

"Mahathir said even though Muhyiddin is going to be the prime minister and the party president, Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia also

has a chairman.

"So, the prime minister must consult the chairman, meaning Mahathir, before making any decision. The prime minister must not make any decision by himself."

Salleh said Dr Mahathir even suggested that the party chairman must be above the cabinet since cabinet members would be "obliged" to the prime minister.

"In short, the prime minister comes under the party chairman, who overrides the cabinet the way Chairman Mao ran China for 31 years."