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DAP SUPREMO

Kit Siang the 'father of hypocrisy', says PCM

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GEORGE TOWN: Parti Cinta Malaysia has labelled DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang a "hypocrite" for standing by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad after the Bumi-putera Malaysia Finance (BMF) scandal expose.

Its vice-president, Datuk Huan Cheng Guan, said this was because Kit Siang, who was one of the most vocal about the scandal in the 1980s, now appeared to defend Dr Mahathir.

"Kit Siang objected to Dr Mahathir's administration in the 1980s, in and outside Parliament.

"Kit Siang convinced voters of this during the Seremban by-election in 1983 and issued 10 demands over the BMF scandal, which Kit Siang read out during a Parliament sitting that year. He demanded that Parliament set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate the BMF scandal and also wrote a book about it.

"Today, when the people ask Kit Siang about it, he takes the side of Dr Mahathir, the very person he accused of being linked to the scandal 34 years ago," he said yesterday.

The recent declassification of the United States' Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) documents revealed Dr Mahathir's administration's alleged involvement in the BMF scandal.

On Wednesday, Kit Siang said the BMF scandal was a small issue compared with the

Malaysia Development Bhd scandal.

Huan said Kit Siang's act was hypocrisy at its highest level, and showed he was fighting for his own political interests instead of for the people.

"Every issue raised by Kit Siang is a malicious manipulation to get support and popularity from the people.

"Kit Siang is Malaysia's father of hypocrisy."

MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai called on Dr Mahathir and Kit Siang to be transparent if they were indeed fighting for the people.

"They have a hidden agenda for political gains that is difficult to be made public.

"Dr Mahathir and Kit Siang have made many U-turns in what they preach and do. They play with the sentiments of the people and take the easy way out, such as by attacking China and MCA," he said in Bentong yesterday.

Liow, who is also transport minister, described Kit Siang as an opportunist and someone who was willing to sacrifice their principles for power.

"But many people are aware that they (Dr Mahathir and Kit Siang) have their own agenda and cannot be trusted."

Reports on the nine-page CIA document caused a stir on social media, with netizens expressing discontent against the man who was once their prime minister.

Kadir Othman called on Dr Mahathir to come clean about his alleged misconduct in the country's largest financial scandal.

"It is better (for you) to come out in the open, admit all your misdeeds and ill-gotten wealth and return them. Then, ask for forgiveness and hope for the best.

"Your family's wealth is certainly not clean wealth."

Burhanudin Hilmi said it had been easier for Dr Mahathir, who was in power for more than two decades, to keep matters under wraps back then as only main-

stream media existed.
"We should accept that Dr Mahathir had his fair share of wrongdoings during his dictatorial ruling of 22 years. He had no Internet or alternative media to expose him and the Internal Security Act 1960 was a handy tool back then."



Datuk Huan Cheng Guan