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# 'MAKE DECLARATION OF DENIAL'

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Dr M, Kit Siang should put to rest rumours that DAP wants top posts, says Puad

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**D**ATUK Seri Mukhriz Mahathir and DAP supremo Lim Kit Siang need to stop their political drama and make statutory declarations denying that DAP wants the deputy prime minister and finance minister posts.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said yesterday the allegations that there had been a secret meeting between Kit Siang and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in which the posts were discussed had put the duo in a tight spot.

He said although Dr Mahathir had denied that the meeting had taken place, matters had become more convoluted now after an opinion piece surfaced on online news portal Malaysiakini, in which a high-ranking Kedah DAP member had said if Kit Siang were to become the deputy prime minister, it would not go against the Federal Constitution.

Puad said the main issue was the alleged existence of a "secret arrangement" that, if true, proved that Dr Mahathir and Kit Siang were attempting to backstab their Pakatan Harapan allies, PKR and Parti Amanah Negara.

"It's clear that Kit Siang is behaving exactly



Tun Dr Mahathir  
Mohamad



Lim Kit Siang

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like Dr Mahathir. They are willing to eat their own words to achieve their political agenda. (It appears as if) Dr Mahathir is willing to sleep with the enemy to make his son, Mukhriz, the next prime minister, and Kit Siang would do the same just to become deputy prime minister and finance minister.”

Former DAP vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim had claimed that there was a secret pact between PPBM and DAP, which would see Mukhriz become prime minister and Kit Siang his deputy.

