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# 'LIM NO DIFFERENT THAN DR M'

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His judgment and interests affected by PPBM ties, says Pas Ulama chief

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ONE of Pas's foremost leaders has described DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang as "being no different than Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad", following a spate of about-turns by both men on several issues.

Pas Ulama chief Datuk Mahfodz Mohamed said the likeness was obvious ever since Lim joined hands with Dr Mahathir, who is Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman, in his bid to strengthen the Pakatan Harapan opposition bloc.

Mahfodz also suggested that Lim's judgment and interests as a politician were affected thereafter.

"Yes, he is affected (after Dr Ma-

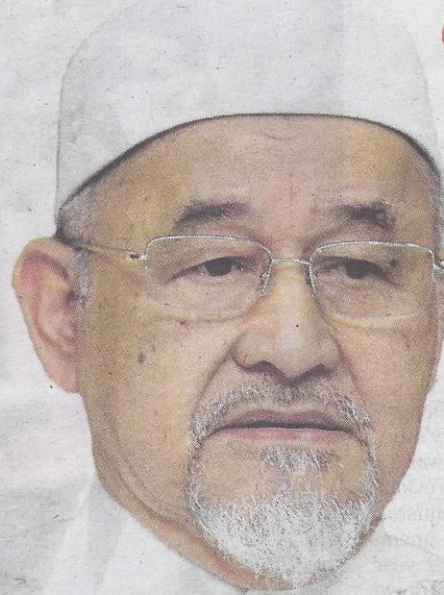
hathir joined the opposition). Dr Mahathir has taken a series of erratic U-turns and the same goes for Lim, who has been taking a different stance on the same topic every now and then.

"We can see Lim committing about-turns on statements he makes. At one moment, he wants to reconcile with Pas, and later, he wants to file a suit against the president," Mahfodz said yesterday.

Lim's latest controversial stand was his invitation to all top Barisan Nasional party leaders to join a forum to discuss how to "save Malaysia from global kleptocracy", despite suggesting that the country was being "ruled by crooks and knaves".

At the same time, Lim also drew criticism from Pas for mulling over a legal suit against Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, despite earlier extending an olive branch to DAP and Pas to form a pact again. Lim claimed that Hadi had accused him of being "anti-Islam".

The Gelang Patah parliamentarian also drew rebuke from former DAP members over his indifference to the United States Central Intelligence



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Agency's revelations on the Bumiputra Malaysia Finance (BMF) scandal and Dr Mahathir's alleged involvement.

Pas deputy president Datuk Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man said yesterday

that Lim was a "confused" man.

"I look at him as someone who is very confused. Before this, he had extended his offer to cooperate, but after we rejected it, the situation is now similar to where one's love has

gone unrequited."

Meanwhile, political analysts viewed Lim and Dr Mahathir's relationship as one based on political expediency.

"There are no permanent friends or enemies in politics. As long everyone is self-serving, (former enemies) will need each other. So what is transpiring is politics based on the motivation to gain more power.

"You can see this in the Pas-DAP relationship. DAP used to work with Pas but today, they are not together anymore," Universiti Malaya's Associate Prof Dr Awang Azman Awang Pawi said.

Referring to the BMF scandal, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin said Lim would not turn against Dr Mahathir or sever ties with the former prime minister.

"It only shows that Lim practises double standards. But he is a politician. So what's new? If you're on his side, he will defend you and if you're not, then he will criticise you. To me, it is a bit funny because previously, he used to comment on issues but now, he refuses to do so."