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## Dr Mahathir gets pounded over remarks on DPM post

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**PETALING JAYA:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's ever-changing remarks on the deputy prime minister's post show that he has no credibility, said MCA publicity bureau chairman Datuk Chai Kim Sen.

Chai said that Dr Mahathir had been incoherent in his statements, not only on the issue, but also on the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) assistance programme and Chinese investments in the country.

"In his blog, Tun Dr Mahathir claimed to be misquoted by the media, for implying that DAP is eyeing the DPM post.

"He was quick to correct his remarks, clarifying that it was actually MCA, and not DAP, which made the request.

"His stance and remarks keep changing and therefore have no credibility," Chai said in a statement yesterday.

Former DAP vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim had recently claimed that there was a pact between DAP and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia of which Dr Mahathir is chairman, to make the latter's son, Datuk Seri Mukhriz, the Prime Minister and DAP advisor Lim Kit Siang his deputy, should Pakatan Harapan win in the next general election.

However, Dr Mahathir later corrected himself, saying that it was MCA that had asked for the post in 2009.

This prompted Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to urge the former premier to stop making "U-turns in his statements".

Both Najib and MCA secretary-general Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan have denied that MCA ever made such a request.