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(From left)  
Tun Dr  
Mahathir  
Mohamad,  
Datuk Seri  
Mukhriz  
Mahathir and  
Lim Kit Siang

# 'TUNKU AZIZ'S CLAIMS ABSURD'

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## Mukhriz denies secret pact between Dr M, Lim

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**P**ARTI Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir has insisted there is no secret pact between Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and DAP leader Lim Kit Siang to name him as prime minister.

In his first public reaction to claims by Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim on the existence of such a pact, Mukhriz said the former DAP vice-chairman was trying to confuse the people on the aim of PPBM.

Tunku Aziz had said recently if Pakatan Harapan captured Putrajaya in the next election, Mukhriz would be the prime minister and Lim his deputy.

Tunku Aziz had said he received reliable information that PPBM chairman Dr Mahathir

and his former enemy-turned-ally Lim reached the secret agreement on Dec 3.

"This is the reason why, on 4 Dec, 2016, Dr Mahathir attended the DAP convention and then — for this reason, and this reason only — insisted that there should be no further discussion on the opposition's prospective candidates for PM and DPM," he said. "The matter is a fait accompli, it is a done deal."

Lim has denied the allegations.

Mukhriz told *Sinar Harian* that his party's main goal was to "save" Malaysia and not to put personal interests first. He said he would not hesitate to take legal action against Tunku Aziz.

"I deny Tunku Abdul Aziz's allegations and he must disclose who his source is. If he does not do so, I will sue him," Mukhriz was quoted as saying.

"I wonder how someone whom we know as a great person can utter such an absurd statement in a defamatory manner.

"I am surprised that he could believe in such propaganda to issue that statement."