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'DAP WANTS DPM POST'

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DAP didn't want PM's post, but if it's DPM, yes, says Dr M

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PARTI Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has confirmed that DAP had previously asked for the deputy prime minister's post if the opposition comes to power.

He said the party made the request in the past, but it had never been reaffirmed by the opposition.

According to news portal Antarapos, Dr Mahathir revealed that DAP did not want the prime minister's position, as claimed by certain quarters.

After attending a meeting for Putrajaya PPBM members on Wednesday night, Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying:

"They clearly said to me, the Chinese are the



(From left) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Lim Kit Siang and Lim Guan Eng

minority in the country... DAP has never asked to be the prime minister.

"But if it is the deputy's (post), yes..."

In **George Town**, the DAP has denied asking for the post as claimed by Dr Mahathir.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng yesterday said they had never spoken about positions in government.

On Dec 31, former DAP vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim revealed that Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir would become prime minister and Lim Kit Siang would be elected as deputy prime minister, if the opposition wins.

He had then also challenged Mukhriz and Kit Siang to make a statutory declaration to deny they were the candidates for both posts.