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'Pakatan wants Mukhriz as PM'

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'SECRET DEAL': Kit Siang as DPM if opposition wins GE14, claims Tunku Abdul Aziz

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DATUK Seri Mukhriz Mahathir will be the prime minister and Lim Kit Siang his deputy if Pakatan captures Putrajaya in the the next general election, claimed Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim.

He claimed that this was the agreement reached between Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Lim in a meeting on Dec 3.

"I have been informed that Dr Mahathir and Lim had agreed to this," the former DAP vice-chairman said yesterday, adding that it was the reason why Dr Mahathir attended the DAP convention on Dec 4, and insisted that there should be no further discussion on the opposition's PM and DPM candidates.

"The matter is a done deal."

Lim had earlier denied that he had



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met Dr Mahathir to broker the deal, describing it as "pure fantasy".

The Gelang Patah member of parliament said there was no such meeting with the former prime minister and had threatened to sue the *New Straits Times* over the report titled "DAP's ploy to secure DPM post".

"I did not meet Dr Mahathir on Dec 3 or before to seal a deal on the question of prime minister or deputy prime minister if Umno or Barisan Nasional is ousted from Putrajaya in the 14th General Election. In fact, I have never discussed such a question with Dr Mahathir," Lim was quoted as saying in an NST report on Wednesday.

Tunku Abdul Aziz also alleged that the recent statements by Lim that PKR president Datuk Seri Dr



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad

Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and PPBM president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin would be PM and DPM, respectively, should Pakatan win the election, was a political red herring.

"It was a ploy to pull the wool over the Malays' eyes because Lim knows that they will not vote for Pakatan if he is going to be deputy prime minister."

He alleged that Dr Mahathir and Lim were bent on continuing their political dynasty, and the recent criticism by the opposition on the Mass Rapid Transit project was to distract people so that the agreement would not be leaked to the public.

"They want to keep their real intention a secret from the rakyat. That is why (PKR vice-president) Rafizi Ramli is being used to distract



Lim Kit Siang

and mislead people by politicising the MRT project."

Umno Youth deputy chief Khairul Azwan Harun said Lim should deny that he did not wish to be DPM if the opposition won the next general election.

"From my observation, I believe Lim has overstayed in politics because he wants to be the country's top leader. To deny this, he should declare that he won't contest in GE14."

Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang said the opposition should not be afraid to name their candidates for the PM and DPM posts.

"There is no reason to hide. They will lose credibility if they do so. No one knows who the opposition's PM designate is. Perhaps, they are doubtful of their candidates."