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Shahrizat: Dr M's statement confirms claims

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PETALING JAYA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement that DAP had asked for the Deputy Prime Minister's post has indirectly confirmed its former vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Ibrahim's claims, said Wanita Umno.

Wanita chief Tan Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said it was now known that DAP veteran leader Lim Kit Siang's agenda and real objective was for the party to lead Pakatan Harapan to take over Malay political power in Putrajaya.

"As mentioned by the Prime Minister, the 14th general election is actually a competition between two major political powers - Umno and DAP," she said in a statement yesterday.

Tunku Abdul Aziz had earlier claimed that there was a pact between DAP and Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia, of which Dr Mahathir is the chairman, to make his son Datuk Seri Mukhriz the Prime Minister and Lim his deputy should Pakatan Harapan win in the elections.

Shahrizat said Dr Mahathir's admission confirmed that Lim would hold both the Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister's posts should Pakatan Harapan win, making him more powerful than Mukhriz.

"If Barisan Nasional wins, Umno will continue to administer Putrajaya, but if Pakatan Harapan wins, it will be DAP that will come into power," she said.

Dr Mahathir had earlier said that DAP had asked for the Deputy Prime Minister's post but later corrected himself and said it was MCA



Festive outing: Mah sharing a light moment with residents at Pasar Desa Jaya, Kepong, during a Chinese New Year walkabout. Looking on is Bukit Lanjan coordinator Syed Abdul Razak Alsagoff (standing, second left).

which had asked for it.

Mukhriz had threatened to sue Tunku Abdul Aziz over his claim.

In another statement, MCA publicity bureau chairman Datuk Chai Kim Sen described Dr Mahathir as a "U-turn king".

His stance kept changing, he said, citing Dr Mahathir's past comments on Chinese investments and the DPM's post.

Chai said Dr Mahathir had also slammed BR1M by saying it was a form of bribery, but later changed his view.

"Tun Dr Mahathir and Lim Kit Siang keep changing their statements," he said, adding that this showed they were merely opposing for the sake of doing it.

Gerakan president Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong took to task the leaders of Parti Pribumi.

"You can play politics but please don't play politics that hurt the nation's economy," he said.

He singled out Dr Mahathir and party president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for their criticisms of investments from mainland Chinese

investors, resulting in a backlash from netizens in China.

"Bloggers there are questioning why China should invest in Malaysia," he told a press conference yesterday.

Mah chided the two leaders for creating fear among the people.

"We are concerned about the people's bread and butter but there are those who want to frighten the people by saying that the Chinese coming to Johor are given citizenship and the Chinese are taking away everything," he said.