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## Sariffuddin: Kit Siang is the master, Dr M the puppet

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PETALING JAYA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has never held open town hall debates with his political opponents during his 22 years as prime minister, says Datuk Seri Tengku Sariffuddin Tengku Ahmad.

The press secretary to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said this might be because Dr Mahathir was a dictator, as he himself once confessed.

“Dr Mahathir now claims that as Opposition chairman, he is their top dog and prime minister equivalent,” Tengku Sariffuddin said.

“But he is either delusional and divorced from reality or deliberately deceiving the people.

“Because the real dictator of the Opposition is (DAP adviser) Lim Kit Siang, who is kept invisible on their leadership chart.”

He was responding to a statement by Dr Mahathir that as Pakatan Harapan chairman, he was the “top dog”.

Tengku Sariffuddin pointed out that Dr Mahathir’s party – Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia – only had one parliamentary seat while DAP had 38, the vast majority of Opposition seats.

“So in reality, Lim is the master and Dr Mahathir, the puppet. Just as all the publicly listed top leaders of the Opposition are Malay, camouflaging DAP’s real control,” he said.