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# 'Opposition will install a proxy PM without real power'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former DAP vice-chairman Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim warned that the opposition will install a proxy prime minister should they come to power, with DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang playing the role.

Tunku Aziz claimed Lim, who will be the deputy prime minister, was in fact splitting the Malays by making the same promises to Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) and PKR.

"He promised PPBM that its chairman, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will be the opposition leader, and to PKR, he promised that Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will be the opposition leader," he said in a press conference here yesterday.

PPBM deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir was supposed to be the prime minister following a pact between Dr Mahathir and Lim, but he was no longer part of the equation now as there were other actors, Tunku Aziz claimed.

He added that Lim did not really care who the prime minister was as the person would only be a proxy to him without real power.

"We know that Lim was also promised the finance minister's post, and judging by the fact that

DAP has the most number of opposition seats in Parliament, he is also the de facto opposition leader," said Tunku Aziz, who is also the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission advisory board chairman.



Tunku Abdul Aziz  
Tunku Ibrahim

He also took a swipe at the opposition for failing to form a shadow cabinet.

He said this could spell disaster for the people should the opposition be elected to the government.

Meanwhile, Gerakan vice-president Datuk Dr Dominic Lau said the prime minister's post was vi-

tal, as the person would set up and lead the cabinet for the betterment of the country.

"In Barisan Nasional, the prime minister will be someone who is accepted by all the component parties. There is no such thing as a proxy prime minister.

"If so, it only means that the opposition is not ready to form a government. It also goes to show that the real power in the opposition is with DAP, as pointed out by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak," he said.

MCA leader Datuk Seri Ti Lian Ker said Lim should stop pretending that he was not the de facto Pakatan Harapan leader.

"Lim is trying his best to give the impression that Dr Mahathir

is the opposition's de facto leader, but the people are wiser.

"It also reflects his hypocrisy in working with Dr Mahathir, someone he had been attacking all these years," he said.

He added that it was a fact that DAP held most of the seats among the opposition parties.

Parti Amanah Negara leader and Shah Alam member of parliament Khalid Samad said Tunku Aziz's statement was ludicrous.

"There are many capable Malay leaders in the opposition, in recognition of the fact that Malays are an overwhelming majority in Malaysia. What is also important is that he (the leader) is capable, honest and trustworthy."