

Tun M: No Cabinet reshuffle

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday quashed rumours of a Cabinet reshuffle, reaffirming the trust he has placed on his appointees.

"There will be no Cabinet reshuffle," he said at a Chinese New Year open house hosted by Finance Minister Lim Guan Eng and the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia.

"Anything about the Cabinet reshuffle is fake news. I will stay with my Cabinet," he added.

A blog post on Monday claimed that Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Azmin Ali would be appointed deputy prime minister after the Chinese New Year.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, who was also present, had said on Monday she had no information about a reshuffle, adding that any decision on changes to the Cabinet was the prerogative of the prime minister.

Mahathir attended the event with his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, while Wan Azizah was accompanied by her husband, PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Several other Cabinet ministers were also present, including Home Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Thousands of people from various communities attended the open house, that began at about 10am.

Mahathir, Siti Hasmah and other guests later participated in the traditional tossing of the "Yee Sang".

In his speech, Lim said the open house was held in an atmosphere of goodwill as it was co-hosted by the chambers of commerce which represented the Malay, Chinese and Indian communities.

He said inter-racial goodwill was promoted by the Pakatan Harapan government led by Mahathir.

"I am confident that the unity of the people can help us achieve sustainable economic development.

"Let us show that Malaysians can rise again," he said.



Mahathir and Siti Hasmah join Cabinet members and guests in tossing the 'Yee Sang' during the open house yesterday. - BERNAMAPIX