

Ignore Bersatu's demand for DPM post, Ismail Sabri urged

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been urged to ignore Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia's demand for the deputy prime minister post.

Umno Youth chief Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki said even Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang had acknowledged that no such agreement existed.

Asyraf said the prime minister had never informed the party leadership nor its supreme council of such an agreement.

"As the Umno senior vice-president, Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob knows best and understands that any agreement with anyone must be referred to the party.

"In any case, the 15th General Election is almost upon us.

"If we are sincere in wanting to stabilise and resolve the economic issues plaguing the people, return the mandate to the people.

"Let the people decide on which government they truly want, not a mixed or hybrid administration that we have today, which is plagued by threats over positions and are not based on the people's mandate," he said in a statement on his Facebook page.

Bersatu information chief Datuk Wan Saiful Wan Jan was quoted as saying yesterday that Ismail Sabri needed to prove that he was different from Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Datuk Seri Najib Razak in matters of integrity by fulfilling the pledges made to other quarters, including on the appointment of the deputy prime minister.

Wan Saiful, on Tuesday, had confirmed that he was no longer the National Higher Education Fund chairman, as his contract ended on June 17 and the contract was not renewed.

Asyraf Wajdi, meanwhile, took aim at Wan Saiful, who is the author of Pakatan Harapan's manifesto.

"Yesterday, he resigned as PTPTN chairman.

"Today, he is threatening the prime minister and demanding a deputy prime minister slot for Bersatu.

"He appears to have forgotten that when he wrote the PH manifesto, with so many promises made but left unfulfilled."