

‘NOT RELEVANT’

Kit Siang no different from Dr M, says Puad

KUALA LUMPUR: An Umno leader has told off Tan Sri Lim Kit Siang, saying that the DAP veteran is no different from former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said he agreed with Lim that Dr Mahathir was no longer fit to serve the role as a de facto adviser to state governments.

However, the Umno supreme council member also wanted the former Iskandar Puteri member of parliament to stop meddling in the affairs and future direction of DAP.

Puad was referring to Lim's statement, in which, the latter questioned the proposal by Pas to appoint Dr Mahathir as the adviser to the four states controlled by Perikatan Nasional (PN).

"He (Lim) is right. Dr Mahathir is no longer fit to become an adviser. He is just disturbing the stability (of the country). He (Dr Mahathir) has his own agenda.

"But Lim, Dr Mahathir and Perikatan Nasional chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had once cooperated (when they took part) in the 'Selamatkan Malaysia' (rally).

"They are no longer relevant. Lim should also refrain from meddling (in the affairs of DAP). Let DAP chart its own course under the leadership of (the party secretary-general) Anthony Loke," Puad wrote in a Facebook post yesterday.

In a post on his blog on Saturday, Lim had said that Dr Mahathir's role as an unofficial adviser to PN-led states contradicted his previous criticisms of Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang.

Lim pointed out that in Dr Mahathir's book *Capturing Hope – The Struggle Continues for a New Malaysia*, the former PM wrote about Hadi sowing division among the people in politics.

"Now, Dr Mahathir is eating his own words by becoming an unofficial adviser to the four Pas-ruled states, although the party, under Hadi, is trying to do so on a Malaysian scale what he had done previously.

"He has condemned DAP as anti-Malay, anti-Islam, anti-royalty, communist and spreading Islamophobia without any iota of evidence or proof whatsoever," said Lim.