

**Under Pakatan, DAP will appoint non-Malay PM, claims Umno leader**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 2 — The DAP will push for a non-Malay prime minister if Pakatan Rakyat (PR) comes to power, an Umno supreme council member has predicted when echoing his party's concerns that the Malays would lose power under the pact's rule.

But if the Chinese-dominated DAP fails in its bid, it would then resort to appointing a "puppet PM", much like former Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohammad Nizar Jamaluddin, said Pasir Salak Umno division chief Datuk Tajuddin Abdul Rahman.

"They tried it in Perak. So if for the post of MB (mentri besar) they are also very keen, why not the PM's seat?"

"I am sure that is what they want. So if they can't they will compromise and put somebody to become their puppet, like Nizar," he told The Malaysian Insider during a brief interview on the sidelines of the Umno annual general assembly yesterday.

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Tajuddin explained that this would likely happen as under a PR government, the DAP would likely emerge as the most dominant party while its Islamist partner PAS would become a "nobody".

"How many seats are PAS contesting? Less than 60. To form government, they would need seats from DAP and PKR. You know it is only natural — the dominant partner will be the one that holds the most seats," he said.

Tajuddin's conjecture is part of the scenario that most Umno members trot out when discussing a possible loss of power to PR in future general elections.

The outspoken parliamentarian also shredded PR's capability as an alternative government to Barisan Nasional (BN), saying that due to its lack of experienced leaders the country's economy would plummet and instability would ensue.

He issued a warning to the Chinese community in particular, saying their businesses and livelihoods would suffer the most under a PR government.

"Even the Chinese people, I want to tell you — you are not going to benefit anything. Under such an unstable situation, there will be no business. The share market will drop by 70 to 80 per cent. A RM5 share will go down to 50 sen and become toilet paper," he charged.

"Who is going to suffer? Do you think Haji Hadi or Nik Aziz can run the economy of the country? Anybody in PAS? You check their credentials," he said, referring to PAS president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang and spiritual leader Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat.

Apart from PAS, Tajuddin also attacked the abilities of other PR personalities like its de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, PKR deputy president Azmin Ali, DAP secretary-general

Lim Guan Eng, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, DAP chairman Karpal Singh and DAP national publicity secretary Tony Pua.

"Anwar Ibrahim? No. He knows nothing about the economy. You don't laugh, because I was with him in university. He studied arts, Islamic studies. Of course, he is a good orator," he said.

"It is not only support (for Anwar)... I am talking about here," he added, pointing to his head. "His economic knowledge, business knowledge, takda (nothing)."

Tajuddin claimed that PR leaders did not have the capability to run the country. Tajuddin added that he was with Anwar during the latter's student politics days and was even his campaign manager when he won his Umno Youth post in 1982.

"So, who, who, who? Azmin? Azmin wants to be minister of finance, of the economy? Alamak, sudahlah... what experience? Who else? Tony Pua? Who else? Lim Guan Eng? How much experience does he have? Lim Kit Siang? Yes, he is a good orator. Nobody else... all young 'cikus' there," he said.

Tajuddin also echoed the words of fellow Umno MP Datuk Shamsul Anuar Nasarah who earlier today blamed the DAP for starting the May 13, 1969, racial riots.

"Yeah... from before, all those things that happened, leading to the riots. Just because they won some election, so they became arrogant and said things that are really racial," he said.

The May 13 race riots, which some reports say killed over 2,000, were sparked off after opposition parties had denied the Umno-led Alliance its customary two-thirds majority in Parliament. A victory parade in Kuala Lumpur led to a reaction by Malays and a state of emergency being declared.

Datuk Seri Najib Razak had said in his presidential address at the Umno general assembly yesterday that his party was not racist and that it was in fact responsible for the country's current "social stability".

But he also said "let us not be complacent, as among leaders of the opposition are those who incited slogans to insult Malays that led to the May 13 tragedy."

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