

Kit Siang: BN two-faced about PAS, DAP
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 — The inconsistent claims made by Barisan Nasional (BN) on DAP's relationship with PAS shows that the ruling coalition's leaders were misleading, Lim Kit Siang said today.

The DAP parliamentary leader said claims by Umno leaders that PAS was "under the thumb" of DAP contradicted MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Chua Soi Lek's charge that DAP was a "stooge" of the Islamist party.

"Who has lied? Najib and Muhyiddin or Chua Soi Lek?" Lim asked in a statement.

"Umno and MCA leaders cannot all be telling the truth — as the DAP cannot be a stooge of PAS and PAS also a stooge of DAP [at the] same time.

"Either Umno or MCA leaders have lied."

But Lim alleged it was more likely that all three — Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak, his second Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Dr Chua — were being devious.

The Ipoh Timur MP said the trio were guilty of "perpetuating lies" to ensure their respective parties stood a chance in the next general election.

He added that ordinary Malays stood to gain should Pakatan Rakyat (PR) come to power in Putrajaya as Umno would have to "return... the rights and power they have seized and hijacked from the ordinary Malays over the past few decades".

Umno had focused its attacks on DAP during the former's five-day general assembly, which concluded yesterday, warning the Malay community that the next prime minister would be a leader from the Chinese-majority party should PR come to power.

Leaders of the BN lynchpin party also alleged that DAP wished to install a Christian prime minister and get rid of the Malay rulers to form a republic.

DAP has refuted the claims, pointing out that a Malay prime minister was "political reality" and that it has never questioned the royal institution.

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