

**PKR's Proposal To Reduce Car Prices By Auctioning APs Baffling, Confusing, Says Mukhriz**  
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PUTRAJAYA, Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat's (PKR) proposal to reduce car prices by auctioning Approved Permits (APs) is baffling and confusing as the move will only serve to raise car prices.

International Trade and Industry Deputy Minister Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir said that going by the proposal, the highest bidder would buy the AP.

"How PKR is going to bring down car prices when they charge about RM50,000 to RM60,000 for a AP?"

"Rafizi's (PKR's strategic director Rafizi Ramli) logic really baffles me. On one hand he says he wants to bring down car prices. On the other, he says we should auction APs in open tender.

"And that's just the AP, not the price of the car yet. So, what's the cost of (Toyota) Camry by the time he's done with that?" he told reporters after a dialogue with members of the Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mukhriz, who is in charge of APs at the International Trade and Industry Ministry, was asked to comment on Rafizi's suggestion that APs for cars should go through an open tender which would result in revenue for the country.

The Deputy Minister said the RM10,000 AP price tag was not a fee but the money goes into a fund to develop the automotive industry and to help the industry.

"We need people who are in the car dealership business to divest into other segments of the automotive industry. We re not just collecting duties for the sake of increasing revenue for the government," he added.

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