

Kit Siang says 'disappointed' Ghani not in Cabinet
Malaysian Insider
May 16, 2013
By Ida Lim

KUALA LUMPUR, May 16 – DAP's Lim Kit Siang today expressed his disappointment over how Umno's Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman was left out of the new Barisan Nasional (BN) Cabinet that was unveiled yesterday.

"I am disappointed over the Umno betrayal of former Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Ghani Othman who was completely bypassed instead of being appointed Senator and Minister in the new Cabinet line-up announced by the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday," the DAP advisor wrote in a statement today.

Lim (picture) described the move as an "unfair and ungrateful" act by Umno, saying that Abdul Ghani was praised by the BN lynchpin party's leaders but was allegedly dropped "like a ton of bricks" after his failure to win against Lim in the Gelang Patah seat contest.

"General elections should not be regarded as a zero-sum game, and in the case of Ghani, whom I had openly acknowledged as having made invaluable contribution to the development and progress in Johor, his talents and experience should be tapped by the federal government as Ghani can have still many years of national service and contribution in him," the 72-year-old Lim said of his 66-year-old rival, whom he defeated in the MCA stronghold by 14,762 votes.

Following his victory in the Gelang Patah federal seat, Lim had repeatedly pushed the Najib administration to give Abdul Ghani a government position.

During Abdul Ghani's 18-year service as the Johor Menteri Besar, the Iskandar Malaysia economic corridor was introduced in the state's southern region, successfully bringing in RM103 billion in investments and creating 554,000 job opportunities in just a few years' time.

Hakcipta © 2013 The Malaysian Insider

Source:

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/kit-siang-says-disappointed-ghani-not-in-cabinet/>