

Lim Kit Siang sees formation of new coalition to tackle nation's problems

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KUALA LUMPUR, Opposition stalwart Lim Kit Siang today insinuated the possibility of forming a new coalition which could see the nation's "Three Eminent Tuns" coming together.

Dropping broad hints during a media conference, the DAP parliamentary leader named the three Tuns as former Prime Ministers Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Musa Hitam.

But in a quick retort, the Opposition veteran stopped short of agreeing if indeed he would extend the invitation.

"No, we won't approach them. The idea has been suggested, so it is now up to everyone to think about it and act on it. I think the language in my press statement is clear, so people will know what I mean.

"This is the first step."

Neither did he wish to be drawn to comment if PAS would have a role to play in this envisioned coalition.

"We already have enough problems with the new coalition, why add to it? Today I do not want to talk about PAS."

He said this (idea) was first made in March after PAS decided to go ahead with plans to table hudud in Kelantan.

Now, he is repeating his call to the three Tuns that they could spearhead the coalition following media allegations surrounding 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

"This is the time for all political leaders, regardless of political party, race, religion, age and gender to put aside their differences and come together.

"Can that grand coalition be convened?" he asked during a press conference at DAP headquarters in Jalan Yew, Pudu, today.

"It is time for all patriotic Malaysians to focus on tackling issues plaguing the nation that can eventually consume the federal government."

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