

## **It was DAP's decision not to name Kit Siang in PH line-up**

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**Pakatan Harapan deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin says line-up was based on what was mooted by each component party.**

KUALA LUMPUR: Lim Kit Siang's absence in the recently announced Pakatan Harapan (PH) line-up was based on a decision by DAP, which was unanimously accepted by the opposition coalition's top leadership, Muhyiddin Yassin says.

The PH deputy president also revealed that the coalition had accepted, "100%", the proposals by each component party.

"We followed what was mooted by each party.

"We never rejected any of the proposals," he told reporters here this evening.

Muhyiddin, who is also PPBM president, was asked why the DAP supremo was not included in the coalition's line-up.

Last week, PH agreed to appoint Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the coalition's chairman. Its leadership line-up also saw Anwar Ibrahim as de-facto leader, and PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the coalition's president.

While Kit Siang was not named in the line-up, his son Guan Eng was named as one of PH's deputy presidents.

Muhyiddin also reiterated that the three top leaders would be equal partners when it came to decision-making.

He said there was no "confusion" over their respective roles as each of their tasks and responsibilities would be clearly defined in the coalition's constitution which was currently in the works.

"Everyone's responsibilities are defined, and they are clear," he said when asked who was leading PH.

"There is a collective responsibility in Pakatan. Although the positions are different, everyone works together as a team, and based on mutual understanding."

Since the line-up was announced, several Umno leaders have mocked the coalition for having three leaders, with Umno vice-president Ahmad Zahid Hamidi likening PH to a “doomed ship” as it had three “captains with different maps”.

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