

## **'Hadi punishing DAP for not supporting Ku Li, himself as PM'**

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DAP veteran Lim Kit Siang has hit back at PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang's latest salvo against the party, claiming it stems from the latter's disappointment during the last general election.

Hadi, claimed Lim, had sought DAP's support for his recommendation for Umno's Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah or himself to be Pakatan's prime minister-designate, instead of the opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim.

"The real problem... is DAP's refusal to support Hadi as prime minister-designate (in 2013)," Lim said in a statement today.

"On the eve of the 13th general election, Hadi approached the DAP and wanted support for the proposal to replace Anwar Ibrahim with **Tengku Razaleigh** as Pakatan Rakyat's prime minister-designate, and he was very disappointed when DAP did not agree."

However, Lim said, DAP stuck to its commitment that Anwar Ibrahim would be the prime minister should Pakatan Rakyat form the federal government after the election.

"Hadi had hoped that the DAP would (also) support himself as the Pakatan Rakyat prime minister-designate, as PAS had not agreed to Anwar as prime minister.

"This was probably the beginning of Hadi's decision to scuttle and destroy Pakatan Rakyat, which he succeeded in doing after the 13th general election," the Gelang Patah MP claimed.

### **Hadi's 'fake news'**

Hadi has of late been increasingly vocal in his attacks against Pakatan Harapan, particularly against DAP and Amanah, a PAS splinter party.

He has also been seen as friendly towards Umno and Prime Minister Najib Razak, and has been guarded in his public statements about the latter's scandals, particularly on the US Department of Justice's anti-kleptocracy case related to 1MDB

Today, Hadi claimed that the late PAS spiritual leader Nik Aziz Nik Mat had expressed concerns about DAP allegedly sowing racial and religious rhetoric.

Lim accused the PAS chief of parroting Umno propaganda.

"Like Umno/BN propagandists and cybertroopers, Hadi would not be able to cite a single instance to substantiate his lies, fake news and false information.

“He has even swallowed hook, line and sinker the Umno/BN propaganda that DAP was pulling Pakatan Harapan chairperson Dr Mahathir Mohamad’s strings.

“Will Hadi next say that Nik Aziz had endorsed Hadi’s support for 'MO1' (Malaysian Official 1), and Malaysia becoming a global kleptocracy?” Lim asked.

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