

'It's not about who but when'

Saifuddin: Premiership transition will be discussed in due time

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PUTRAJAYA: The power transition issue will be discussed and finalised at a suitable time during a Pakatan Harapan presidential council meeting, says PKR secretary-general Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail.

He said the big question on the issue was not so much on who would take over as Prime Minister but rather when that would happen.

"It has been agreed in Pakatan that the issue will be discussed and finalised, when the time comes, in the Pakatan presidential council.

"I don't have information when that will be discussed," he said yesterday.

Saifuddin was asked to comment on Klang MP Charles Santiago's statement urging the Pakatan presidential council to set a clear date on the transition from Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng said Dr Mahathir should not be pestered to step down before the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum in November.

He said since Dr Mahathir had already pledged to bow out after Apec, it was best to go with the plan and ensure a smooth transition.

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Pakatan presidential council to hold an urgent meeting to discuss this matter.

"The Prime Minister had said he will let go of his post after Apec, which is not a long wait. So let's just go with the schedule that he has recommended.

"It is important that we all ensure the power transition is conducted in a smooth manner. This would create a stable environment not just for the country, but also its economy," he said.

Lim, who is Finance Minister, added that Pakatan's priority was to ensure the country's economy was on the right path and that it fulfilled the pledges made in the GE14.

"Let's ensure the economy is sustainable and the manifesto promises are implemented.

"Then, we must also ensure that the power transition is done smoothly," he said.



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