

PAS: Faction within Umno wants Najib out as PM
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PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali claimed today the existence of a movement within Umno seeking the ouster of Najib Abdul Razak as prime minister.

The movement, he claimed, seeks to achieve their aim before the 13th general election takes place.

"There is a serious movement that wants Najib out as prime minister.

"Najib and (his wife) Rosmah (Mansor) are seen as a liability to the BN, as at this time, they are impacting negatively on (BN's chances) in the coming polls," Mustafa (right) told a press conference at PAS headquarters this morning.

The "movement" to ouster Najib is a "strong" one, he added. Mustafa declined, however, to disclose details about the purported movement.

"Wait another week or two, things will become clearer."

He alleged that senior leaders were involved in the said movement.

When asked whether Umno deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin was involved, Mustafa said: "I don't know. At this time, I do not want to say."

His remarks come on the heels of allegations in mainstream media that implicated PAS leaders in alleged moves to promote Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah as Anwar Ibrahim's replacement as Pakatan Rakyat leader.

Mustafa said the claims are part of efforts to divert attention from the anti-Najib movement within Umno.

A recent report purported PAS spiritual leader Nik Aziz Nik Mat as having secretly met Razaleigh over the matter.