

Bersih: Muhyiddin contradicts PM - yet again
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Bersih 2.0 has criticised Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin for suggesting that there is no real problem with the electoral system and that only some minor tweaks are required.

"We don't understand why the DPM always contradicts his boss," said Bersih steering committee member Wong Chin Huat.

Speaking at a press conference in Petaling Jaya, the Monash University lecturer said Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak had acknowledged that there were problems with the electoral system and Muhyiddin (right) should therefore not be saying the opposite.

"If you insist that you do not have a disease, then why see a doctor?"

"The prime minister has made this offer (for a parliamentary select committee on electoral reforms), (then he must) believe that something is wrong, that the current electoral system cannot meet the expectations of the people," Wong said.

He added that Najib as prime minister should address the problem where his number two constantly contradicts him.

"It is the deputy prime minister's problem if he cannot share the same vision with his boss and the prime minister has to address this issue," he said.

Earlier today, the Muhyiddin reportedly said that the proposed parliamentary select committee (PSC) to discuss electoral reforms does not mean the election system was bad but it was merely to improve it further.

This is not the first time Muhyiddin has been at odds with Najib.

Last year, the Muhyiddin had said he was Malay first when challenged to choose between being Malay and Malaysian first in Parliament, running counter to Najib's 1Malaysia agenda.

At a student leaders' conference last month, the prime minister refused to comment on Muhyiddin's statement, stating that he did not want to create a perceived rift with his deputy.

However, in a recent Twitter posting, Najib echoed the words of his deputy.

"Elections have always been fair in Malaysia, but we must always strive for improvement and excellence," he said.