

**Is the DPM pulling the PM's strings?
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A series of flip-flops in government policy has PKR leaders pondering whether Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's reform plans are being hamstrung by an uncooperative deputy.

PKR communications director Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad said that the latest case of backpedalling comes in form of the parliamentary select committee (PSC) on electoral reforms.

"The flip-flop syndrome that plagued the previous administration continued when the prime minister appears to concede to (Deputy Prime Minister) Muhyiddin Yassin and then claimed that elections could be held any time and would not be dependent on the outcome of the select committee," said Nik Nazmi during a press conference today.

Najib had on August 15 said that the PSC is intended to ensure integrity for the coming general election but dismissed calls to put off the general election until after the committee completes its work.

Unsatisfied with Nik Nazmi's theory, reporters asked him to substantiate his claim further, to which he replied that his hypothesis was "logical".

"When the Najib said any stadium (can be used for the Bersih rally), the home ministry said only stadiums in Selangor and he followed, now Muhyiddin says something, and then Najib says that election can be called anytime."

A day after announcement of the PSC, Muhyiddin said that there were no problems with the electoral system and that the committee would merely make the system better.

The jarring positions of the country's top two leaders had led fueled speculations that Muhyiddin was in favour of status quo and was unsupportive to Najib's reform efforts.

"People used to make jokes about (Najib's wife) Rosmah (Mansor) was running the country, now it is as if Muhyiddin is running the country," he added.