

'Muhyiddin should resign, not Redzuan or Saifuddin'
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It is Education Minister Muhyiddin Yassin who should resign from his post and not Universiti Malaya Centre for Democracy and Elections (Umcedel) director Redzuan Othman or the university's senior research fellow Saifuddin Abdullah, the DAP says.

Lim Kit Siang in a statement today said Muhyiddin has had nothing to show in his portfolio, apart from the "disgraceful" interference of the Education Ministry officers that led to the resignation of Redzuan (left).

"What has Muhyiddin to show in more than a year as the powerful education minister, gobbling up the former Ministry of Higher Education in the field of tertiary education, apart from the latest disgraceful episode of interference with and violation of academic freedom, resulting in the resignations of Redzuan and Saifuddin from the Universiti Malaya?" Lim asked.

In a separate statement, DAP's Serdang MP Ong Kian Ming said it was unfair to target Redzuan just because the survey results in the past are not seen to be favourable to BN.

Among others, Redzuan and his team accurately predicted that Pakatan would win the popular vote in the 13th general election.

"Academicians should not be punished for pursuing legitimate academic research, including in the field of politics and political science, even if the results do not seem to be favourable to the ruling party," Ong said.

DAP's Mengkibol assemblyperson Tan Hong Pin also showed support for Redzuan, saying that the move by the Education Ministry was "proof" that BN had "killed off academic freedom altogether."

"Even though the Universities and University Colleges Act (UUCA) has been amended, I see that the principle and policy that stifles the intellectuality of students and academicians in universities have not changed," Tan said.