

Quit if more exam paper leaks, DPM told
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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin should promise to resign if any leaks are identified in future major examinations following the leak of the Ujian Penilaian Sekolah Rendah (UPSR) Science and English papers.

DAP parliamentarian Ong Kian Ming said Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, could show his commitment to protecting the integrity of the country's school examinations by promising to resign.

"But will he be brave enough to make this promise?" Ong (left) asked in a statement today.

The Serdang MP also believes that it was not sufficient for Muhyiddin to apologise for the examination paper leakages.

"He must give the assurance that such leaks will not occur for the UPSR Science paper which will be taken on Sept 30," he said.

The Examination Syndicate yesterday announced that the postponement of the Science paper examination was due to a preliminary investigation showing that the questions for the paper had been circulated over social media.

Today, Second Education Minister Idris Jusoh said the English papers 014/1 and 014/2 (Papers 1 and 2) were found to have leaked, too.

Apology is not sufficient

Meanwhile, Lembah Pantai MP Nurul Izzah Anwar said the Education Ministry, together with the Examination Syndicate, should be responsible for the leaks.

"An apology is not sufficient. A team should be formed to identify the source of the leak," the PKR vice-president said.

Pointing out that postponing the examinations was a form of oppression to the students who had "tirelessly prepared for the papers", Nurul Izzah (right) said both the Education Ministry and the Examination Syndicate should have been more prepared to handle the crisis.

"Continued failure will serve as justification for the minister in charge to be changed," she said.

Persatuan Kebangsaan Pelajar Islam Malaysia (PKPIM) president Mohammad Fazril Mohd

Saleh said that leaking the papers was a form of treachery to the principles of education.

"We urge the Examination Syndicate and Education Ministry to investigate the matter thoroughly.

"Legal action should be taken against those involved in this (leaking of the papers)," Mohammad Fazril said in a statement.

Following the leak of the English papers, Segambut MP Lim Lip Eng said on his Twitter page that the Education Department head should emulate the action of Mass Rapid Transit Corporation Sdn Bhd CEO Azhar Abdul Hamid, who resigned following a fatal accident at an MRT site.

Meanwhile, Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang hit out at the "despicable culprit" who leaked the papers.

"In ancient China, those who leak out examination questions would be beheaded. That's how serious the offence is! Bigots!" Tan said in a tweet.