

Irrelevant Muhyiddin should quit, says Rafizi

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PKR vice-president Rafizi Ramli has called on Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin and Cheras Umno division leader Syed Ali Alhabshee to resign.

He said Muhyiddin should throw in the towel since he has been rendered irrelevant following the government's announcement of a bailout for 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

As for Syed Ali, he pointed out that the division chief appeared to be in the dark about what is happening in Umno.

"He does not seem to know anything about what is going on in the party. So he should not speak as if he is representing Umno," the Pandan lawmaker told Malaysiakini.

Muhyiddin had last week stated the government should not bailout the debt-laden firm but Finance Minister II Husni Hanadzlah told the Dewan Rakyat today that RM950 million has been set aside as "standby credit" for 1MDB.

Vindication

Yesterday, Syed Ali lambasted Rafizi for claiming that he was informed by an Umno division leader that close to RM1 billion would be injected into the company.

According to the PKR MP, this was conveyed to Umno division chiefs during their closed-door meeting with Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak on Sunday.

Syed Ali, who organised the meeting, denied this and accused Rafizi of fabrication and challenged him to reveal his source.

Commenting on this, Rafizi said Syed Ali and Umno should refrain from issuing dares, especially when the latter has not kept his word on declaring his assets.

"It is unbecoming of a political leader to keep issuing challenges when his credibility is shattered for his refusal to make good on his word," he added.

'Keep your house in order'

Rafizi said the fact that an Umno division leader spilled the beans to him with the hope of getting the message across pointed to a serious and widening gap between the Umno leadership and grassroots.

"I suggest Syed Ali spends more time managing the split in Umno rather than throwing

challenges," he added.

On Tuesday, Rafizi (left), in accepting Syed Ali's dare, revealed his assets, expenditure as well as his current income as a MP and previous salary in the corporate sector.

Contacted later, Syed Ali once again stressed that the issue was not raised during the meeting with Najib.

"Why should that be discussed? It was a party meeting. You can check with other division leaders," he added.

As for declaring his assets, Syed Ali said there is a need for a proper mechanism in order to ensure transparency.

"Otherwise, how can we ascertain if the person is revealing all? In Rafizi's case, what about his wife and child, all these fall under the same issue," he added.

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