

Take control of gov't, students urge DPM
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Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIA) students rallied behind Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin today and urged him to take temporary control of the government.

The students said Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, should pressure Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to go on leave pending an investigation into allegations that almost US\$700 million was deposited into Najib's personal bank accounts.

"(Muhyiddin) must urge Najib to take leave until the investigation involving the prime minister is completed, with Muhyiddin acting (as prime minister)," the UIA students said in a statement today.

The statement was endorsed by 12 UIA student groups, and was signed by Hanif Mahpa the UIA students council president, and Ahmad Fadhli Umar Aminolhuda the UIA law association president, among others.

The students also urged Muhyiddin to set up a Royal Commission of Inquiry to investigate allegations of misappropriation of funds involving the government.

They want Najib and the government to sue The Wall Street Journal over its report, and urged Muhyiddin to order Bank Negara and Ambank to challenge the allegations made by the US financial daily.

A mass protest, nationwide, if no action taken

They warned that if their demands were not met, and the government failed to clear its name on the corruption allegations, the UIA students would organise a mass protest, together with other students, nationwide.

The demands of the UIA students come after WSJ and Sarawak Report exposed that US\$700 million had been deposited into Najib's personal coffers through 1MDB-linked companies.

Najib has denied the allegations, calling it political sabotage, masterminded by former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad and he told the media yesterday that he would make a decision on the matter soon.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin has expressed concern over the allegations and wants them to be investigated.

Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail has confirmed that he has seen documents allegedly showing funds being deposited into Najib's personal accounts.

Gani's special task force comprising officers from the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, police and Bank Negara, have also raided the offices of three companies linked to the scandal, and obtained more documents.

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