

Muhyiddin rejects calls to head PAC

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Former Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has no intention of replacing Nur Jazlan Mohamed as the new Public Accounts Committee (PAC) chairperson.

"I have no intention to (be the new PAC chief). I am comfortable with what I am now," he told reporters during a press conference at his home in Kuala Lumpur today.

He said Parliament would have to decide who would be the new PAC head when it convenes again in October.

Nur Jazlan (photo) swore in as deputy home minister today, which automatically disqualifies him from being a PAC member.

The PAC is currently investigating 1MDB while Muhyiddin has been highly critical of how Putrajaya is handling the allegations against the company.

In announcing the cabinet reshuffle yesterday, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak said it was necessary in order to ensure ministers were on the same page

Besides booting out Muhyiddin, and removing Nur Jazlan from PAC, Najib had also replaced Abdul Gani Patail as attorney-general.

There has been speculation that Abdul Gani's removal was an attempt to frustrate the 1MDB task force probe.

New AG must continue the responsibility

Asked to comment on this, Muhyiddin said he couldn't question the government's decision.

"It is a government decision and I can't question the rationale behind it.

"But I hope whoever replaces him will continue the huge responsibility and hasten whatever legal action that needs to be done.

"This is so people can get answers on whether there were any wrongdoings so that all perception of 1MDB can be explained," he said.

Muhyiddin said it was important to give closure to the issue and hoped the Auditor General's full report on 1MDB can also resolve the scandal.

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