

## **No sackings, Muhyiddin, Shafie survive Umno meet**

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The expected fireworks at today's Umno supreme council meeting fizzled out with party president Najib Abdul Razak announcing that deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin and vice-president Shafie Apdal have pledged their commitment to strengthen the party.

His statement after the meeting puts paid to earlier speculation that either Muhyiddin or Shafie or both would be given the boot or have severe action taken against them for their outspokenness on the 1MDB affair and against Najib himself.

"Muhyiddin has stated his strong commitment to the party and to working together for the interests of the party.

"Same goes for Shafie," Najib said at a press conference at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur where the meeting was held.

Muhyiddin and Shafie (photo, right) were dropped from the cabinet on July 28 after expressing their concerns and criticism of Najib's handling of the 1MDB fiasco.

They were given a hero's welcome in their respective Umno division annual general meetings, as well as several others which they were invited to, throughout last month.

The two were commended even by the opposition for their critical stand.

There were talks that the duo, along with Kedah Menteri Besar Muhkriz Mahathir (photo, left), will be reprimanded by tonight's Supreme Council meeting which had been postponed since the day the two were sacked.

Najib looked calm when announcing that the highest leadership of the Malay party is united and will "guarantee" Umno's future.

"We also discussed about the development of current issues that need to be settled, the importance of solidarity in the highest line of Umno leadership, including the Supreme Council which acted as a basis to guarantee Umno as a powerful party and our ability to settle any issues," he said.

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