

**Muhyiddin joins protest to back 'heroes' wanting Najib out**  
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Umno deputy president Muhyiddin Yassin today joined the supporters of nine branch leaders who are facing the party's disciplinary tribunal this afternoon.

He arrived alone, greeted by about 50 people from the anti-Najib camp, including recently sacked Gopeng Umno leader Hamidah Osman and Langkawi Umno member Anina Saadudin.

The group chanted 'Inilah Barisan Kita' before reciting a doa.

Hamidah earlier rallied members to gather at the party headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre complex to express their dissatisfaction with party president Najib Abdul Razak.

"Let's gather today at 12.30pm to defend the plight of the nine branch leaders who will face the disciplinary tribunal.

"Don't just comment on WhatsApp and Facebook. Let's be together with these heroes who were willing to sacrifice their posts and (party) membership in order for others to come bravely forward," says Hamidah's WhatsApp message, which is being circulated.

Another WhatsApp message making the rounds states that Muhyiddin would also attend the gathering.

The nine were among 13 Telok Kemang Umno branch leaders who called for Najib's resignation in October.

**'We want to save Umno'**

Taman TTK branch chief Kamarul Azman Habibur Rahman, who heads the group, had said the grassroots want Najib to resign to save Umno from disaster in the next general election.

Last week, nine of them received letters instructing them to appear before the disciplinary tribunal.

Apart from Teluk Kemang Umno, 34 branches from Negri Sembilan, Selangor, Johor, Perak and Sabah have also piled pressure on the party president to resign.

Hamidah, on the other hand, believes she was made a sacrificial lamb. Her sacking was announced after the Umno supreme council meeting last week.

She has been critical of Najib, including calling for his resignation over scandals such as his handling of 1MDB and the discovery of RM2.6 billion and RM42 million in his personal

bank accounts.

Najib has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

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