

**Probed under OSA, Muhyiddin hopes he won't share Rafizi's fate**  
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Former deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin, who is being investigated under the Official Secrets Act (OSA), hopes he too will not get a jail sentence, as was handed to PKR's Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli.

"While I sympathise with what happened to Rafizi. I hope I will not fall into the same situation," Muhyiddin said after spending two hours in Bukit Aman to record his statement.

"This is because I do believe that when I speak in Parliament, I do have the right to speak and I do have immunity."

He was asked if he was worried that he would end up like Rafizi, who was convicted and sentenced to 18 months' jail under the OSA for leaking Page 98 of the auditor-general's report on 1MDB.

Muhyiddin is currently being investigated under Section 8 of the OSA and Section 4 of the Sedition Act for his budget debate on Oct 26, which touched on 1MDB.

Meanwhile, Sepang MP Hanipa Maidin (*photo*) said there is nothing wrong for any parliamentarian in the Dewan Rakyat to touch on matters under the OSA.

Hanipa said this is based on the fact that elected representatives are protected by parliamentary immunity, and as such they cannot be charged for speaking out in the House.

He said action could only be taken against an MP who utters remarks deemed to be seditious.

"The speech by Pagoh (Muhyiddin) has no seditious elements and if what he said had touched on any official secret under the Standing Orders, or on any official matter, (he) cannot be charged under the OSA.

"Only if the speech is seditious can action be taken. Because, so long as (MPs) speak in the Dewan Rakyat, they are protected by their immunity...", Hanipa told a press conference at the Parliament lobby today.

He said this in response to the ongoing investigations under the OSA against Muhyiddin, as well as against former finance minister II Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah and former rural and regional development minister Mohd Shafie Apdal, for their Budget 2017 debate speeches that touched on matters linked to state investment fund 1MDB.

At the same time, Hanipa also urged Dewan Rakyat Speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia to write a letter to inspector-general of police Khalid Abu Bakar, requesting that he stops calling in more MPs for further questioning.

"The speaker said he cannot do so, despite us knowing that he was the one who had started this whole scenario.

"I believe that if he (Pandikar) had not issued any statement, the police would not have called up the MPs (for questioning)," Hanipa said.

Pandikar declared to reporters in the Parliament reception room on Oct 27 that the speeches Muhyiddin, Husni and Shafie made in the House on 1MDB could have **breached the oath of secrecy** they took as cabinet ministers.

Muhyiddin spoke in Parliament during the budget debate while Rafizi revealed the contents of the audit report at Parliament lobby on March 24.

The Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia president had told the House how the cabinet was not consulted on the formation of 1MDB, and was kept in the dark about its finances until the scandal broke.

"I have given full cooperation to the police. I have explained all the questions posted to me. I have told the cops that I have a right and immunity to speak in Parliament as enshrined in the Federal Constitution," he said.

"I told them that I spoke with good intention - none other than to ensure the country is managed correctly."

Muhyiddin was represented lawyers Amer Hamzah Arshad and Azhar Azizan Harun.

Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali, DAP vice-president Teresa Kok, PAS information chief Khalid Samad, DAP lawmaker Lim Lip Eng were among those present to give moral support.

Besides Muhyiddin, former Umno ministers Mohd Shafie Apdal and Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah were also being probed after Dewan Rakyat Speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia said the speeches they made in the House on 1MDB breached the oaths of secrecy they took as cabinet ministers.

Husni had questioned why 1MDB was formed and asked how its scandals would affect Malaysia's image.

Husni had yet to record statement while **Shafie** had his statement recorded on Nov 7.