

**DPM wants Zahrain's claims investigated**  
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Muhyiddin Yassin wants the authorities to investigate claims that Anwar Ibrahim had convinced opposition members of parliament that he had the blessings of the Agong and the armed forces to execute plans to take over the federal government in 2008.

The deputy prime minister said the revelation by Bayan Lepas independent member of parliament Zahrain Mohamed Hashim was serious as it could tarnish the good names of the institution of Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the armed forces.

"The authorities should weigh Zahrain's statement and if there is a basis to it, then they should take appropriate action," he told reporters in Muar.

Muhyiddin was asked to comment on the revelation by Zahrain in the Dewan Rakyat on the attempt by Anwar to take over the federal government on Sept 16, 2008.

Muhyiddin said Zahrain would have a strong evidence to be able to reveal the matter in Parliament.

Former PKR 'inner circle'

"He (Zahrain) is willing to swear in Parliament. This is not a statement which we can view lightly because he knows better what has been taking place in PKR," he said.

Zahrain, said Muhyiddin, was a former member of PKR "inner circle" and at one time was a good friend of Anwar.

He said that until now neither Anwar nor other PKR leaders had denied the claims by the Bayan Lepas MP.

The deputy prime minister was also asked on the statement by Anwar likening the 1Malaysia concept to 'One Israel'.

Muhyiddin said it was another example of lies by the PKR leader.

Saying that Anwar and other opposition leaders were feeling threatened by the popularity of 1Malaysia, Muhyiddin said likening 1Malaysia to One Israel was ill-intent and political gimmickry.

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