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# Muhyiddin and Dr M ramp up rhetoric at gathering

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They repeat same allegations on issues surrounding IMDB and RM2.6b donation

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**U**MNO deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to take a break while waiting for the investigations into Malaysia Development Berhad (IMDB) and the RM2.6 billion donation in his personal account to be completed.

"If the investigations prove that he was not involved, he can resume his duty after that."

Ramping up the rhetoric ahead of this week's Umno general assem-

bly, Muhyiddin said it was important for Najib to take such action to allow for transparent and fair investigations.

At present, he said the public had the perception that there was an interference in the investigations.

Muhyiddin's appearance at the gathering at the Sultan Sulaiman Club in Kampung Baru here last night was not unexpected as he had complained about the Umno Supreme Council's decision to bar him from opening the party wings' meeting on Wednesday.

Present at the gathering were former party president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal and Muhyiddin's wife, Puan Sri Nooraini Abdul Rahman.

Although he did not directly ask the party president to relinquish the prime minister's post, Muhyiddin urged party members to throw away those who had become cancerous cells in the organisation.

He said it was now up to party members to take action as he had already done his part and might be expelled from the party for raising various issues that were plaguing the party.

He said it was not his right to force Najib to relinquish his post, but claimed that the people on the ground had been asking the top leadership to do so.

"Ask your moral conscience and do the right thing for the sake of the people and the country."

While confirming that he would attend the assembly, Muhyiddin said

Umno members should not be banned from sharing their thoughts on the controversial issues during the party's general assembly as their right to speak was safeguarded by the party's constitution.

Therefore, he said, party members should raise and question the issues during the meeting as the people would evaluate every single thing that they did.

Based on the comments he received on Facebook, Muhyiddin also claimed that most of them were on the increasing cost of living followed by the call for Najib to resign.

He said there was also a suggestion that the tenure of party president be limited to only two terms.

Meanwhile, speaking after Muhyiddin, Dr Mahathir said he was eager to attend the Umno general assembly which commences today to scrutinise the party's financial report.

The former Umno president said he wanted to check whether the RM2.6 billion donation allegedly given to the party was reflected in the report.

The report, Dr Mahathir said, would serve as proof if Najib had handed over the donation to the party.

"I will attend the party's annual general assembly to check whether Najib has handed over the donation to the party.

"If the donation has been handed over to Umno, the sum must be reflected in the financial report.

"I will check the financial report to find out about the donation." **Additional reporting by Hana Naz Harun**

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