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Najib: It's up to Muhyiddin now

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PEACE OFFERING: Party president agrees to wishes of delegates by taking first move to resolve differences

KUALA LUMPUR

UMNO president Datuk Seri Najib Razak said he has acceded to delegates' wishes by making a peace offering to all quarters, including Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, to end rifts in the party.

"The message delivered at the general assembly is clear. They do not want the rift to be prolonged. They want peace to be restored," he said after delivering his winding-up speech at the Umno general assembly yesterday.

Najib, who shook hands with

Muhyiddin after his speech, said it was up to his deputy to accept the offer of peace as demanded by the delegates.

"I shook his hand, but we did not say anything. This is no longer about me but the wishes of the delegates," he said at a press conference that

lasted about five minutes.

At the press conference, which was also attended by secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor and treasurer Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah, Najib appeared to be in a jovial mood.

Muhyiddin was removed from Najib's cabinet as deputy prime minister in late July after he had criticised his boss over the Malaysia Development Bhd and RM2.6 billion issues.

Vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd

Shafie Apdal also was removed from his regional and rural development minister's post for the same reason.

At a gathering at Kelab Sultan Sulaiman in Kampung Baru on Monday night, Muhyiddin had urged Najib to "take a break" while waiting for investigations into 1MDB and the RM2.6 billion donation to be completed.

Shafie and former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad were also there.