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# Najib: What they have done is a very big mistake

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## 'DISAPPOINTED':

Members angry with Dr M, Muhyiddin, says party president

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**T**HE move by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to ally with opposition leaders is a big mistake, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In expressing the sentiment from the party's rank and file, the Umno president said many members were angry over Dr Mahathir's and Muhyiddin's involvement with opposition figures to unseat a democratically-elected leadership.

"I can see that Umno leaders and members are very angry and disappointed with the actions of Tun Dr Mahathir, who has conspired with the opposition. His speeches have gone viral and these speeches had condemned (DAP adviser) Lim Kit Siang as being racist and DAP as being chauvinist.

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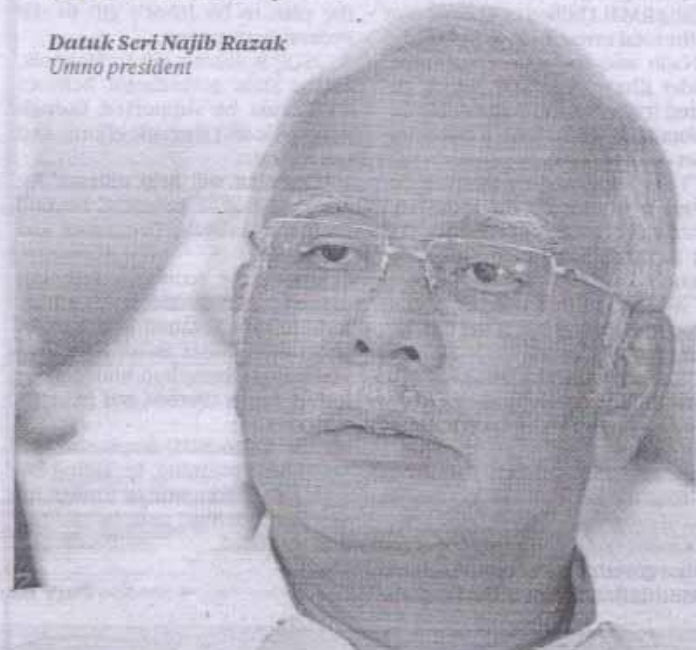
"They have known DAP's stand all this while and what they have done is a very big mistake," said Najib.

He was asked about the move by a group who last Friday agreed to oust Najib as prime minister.

The group was led by Dr Mahathir, who had recently quit Umno, and the event was also attended by Muhyiddin, who has been suspended

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ed as Umno deputy president until the next party polls.

Others present at the event were former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Lim Kit Siang, PKR deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali and former MCA president Tun Dr Ling Liong Sik.

On whether action would be taken against Umno leaders for their involvement with the opposition, Najib said it would be up to the party's Supreme Council and disciplinary committee to decide.

"Each leader, regardless of what

post he holds and what level he is, is subject to the party's constitution and disciplinary requirements."

Asked if this could be the final warning for Muhyiddin, Najib said: "Let the Supreme Council decide. We believe the highest decision-making body is the Supreme Council."

On a recent call by the Kedah Umno liaison committee for action to be taken against Muhyiddin and Mukhriz, Najib said it could not be his decision alone as it had to go through the Supreme Council.

"It is up to the Supreme Council to

decide. I contribute (any view) on it or decide on my own. We practise collective responsibility."

Najib said despite the pressure put on his leadership, the government would continue to focus on development programmes.

He said those who were out to undermine the leadership should know that the current leadership was democratically elected and had strong support from the party.

"The confidence level depends on the elections because in between elections, we concentrate on development and serving the people.

"As far as we are concerned, the litmus test will be when it is election time. At the moment, the government will continue because we have the mandate and numbers in Parliament. The party is also behind the government, so we will continue," he said when asked whether he was confident that the people were still with Umno.

Earlier, Najib, who was here on a one-day working visit, launched the Urban Transformation Centre at Galleria@Kotaraya here yesterday.

Meanwhile, in a Facebook posting, he said Barisan Nasional (BN) was strong even though some members were working with the opposition.

Najib, who is also BN chairman, said some people might have forgotten about the principles of the coalition's struggles and chose to work with the opposition.

"However, yesterday, I saw among members of BN parliamentary members who were at Seri Perdana (the official residence of the prime minister) for the pre-council meeting before Parliament begins sitting on Monday (today), that the coalition is still strong and loyal to the struggle," he said.

He said BN would continue carrying out the responsibilities entrusted to it by the people. Additional reporting by Chuah Bee Kim and Halim Said