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Dr M has united opposing sides, says Muhyiddin

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PETALING JAYA: Critics of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad are uneasy because he has managed to bring together Barisan Nasional, Opposition and civil society leaders to support his call for the resignation of the Prime Minister, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

In a Facebook post yesterday, he said it was unfortunate that some critics had used the presence of DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang to paint the event as a "DAP agenda" aimed at destroying Umno.

"This accusation is not true at all," he said.

Muhyiddin insisted that the citizens' declaration was not an agenda of any political party, but arose from the awareness of individuals from various social and political backgrounds.

"The declaration represents the rakyat's struggle which transcends political ideology, race and religion in our move to save Malaysia from disgrace and redeem the country's dignity," he said.

Muhyiddin noted that if Najib, who is also Umno president, could sit next to PAS president Datuk Seri

Abdul Hadi Awang on stage in the name of working together politically, Dr Mahathir and other leaders could sit together to save Malaysia.

"Why must different standards be applied?" he asked.

Muhyiddin also believed more people would come forward to support the declaration.

"This development is sure to worry Najib and those around him," he said, adding that in a democracy, the right of the citizens to express their opinion was guaranteed by the Constitution.

"Asking the Prime Minister to

resign because of his involvement in a financial scandal is part of the rakyat's right."

He also said the move to ask the Prime Minister to resign before a general election was not new.

"It happened during the time of Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Hussein Onn and Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"In all these instances, the Barisan government was not affected."

On March 5, Dr Mahathir, along with key political figures and civil society leaders, initiated the declaration that demanded Najib's removal as Prime Minister.