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PPBM Youth exco member also wants Muhyiddin to clarify alleged affair

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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad



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A PARTI Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) leader has broken ranks and demanded the fledgling party's top two chiefs explain the widespread allegations surrounding them concerning immense family wealth and a sexual tryst.

PPBM Youth executive council member Muhammad Hafiz Azhar said party chairman Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin must answer the accusations and questions that had been making the rounds on social media.

Hafiz's demands came as another blow to PPBM's leadership, which was recently rocked by the party's grassroots rebellion in Perak against Muhyiddin.

The call was made during a press conference yesterday, after which the video recording of the event was made available to the *New Sunday Times*.

"Firstly, we urge Dr Mahathir as the party chairman, to explain to us on the issue of his children's

unusual wealth which was amassed within such a short time," Hafiz said.

In July 2015, the issue of the wealth of Dr Mahathir's children was raised by non-governmental organisation Jaringan Melayu Malaysia (JMM), which claimed that the two sons of the former prime minister had become rich allegedly from financial misappropriation during his 22-year administration.

JMM produced a list of supercars allegedly owned by multibillionaire Tan Sri Mokhzani Mahathir worth RM36.2 million, including a McLaren P1 said to be worth RM6.2 million.

At the same time, Hafiz said, Muhyiddin should clarify whether there was indeed truth to reports that he had been in an affair with businesswoman Nika Gee Siew Yee, when he was Johor menteri besar.

and to maintain the good name of the party. These topics are always raised by the grassroots. We need answers," Hafiz added.

In a statement later whose content was similar to Hafiz's comments made during the press conference, a disagreement over Pakatan Harapan's choice of cabinet member-designates, including PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail and Parti Amanah Negara president Mohamad Sabu, was outlined.

"We disagree with Pakatan Harapan's decision to appoint Dr Wan Azizah as the finance minister and Mohamad as the education minister," the statement read.

Attempts to contact Hafiz for more information on the press conference and statement proved futile.

PPBM Youth chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman confirmed that Hafiz was one of the wing's exco members, but pointed out that the latter had been absent from party meetings over the past three months.

"In terms of his allegations, he is inside the party and has (access to) all the information (clarification), which means he should know how to answer the (controversial) questions (posed by the grassroots). For him to call for a press conference... It indicates that there is something fishy going on, and there is (an element of) dishonesty behind his statements," Saddiq said.

"Secondly, we call on our president to come forward and clear his name by denying the allegation of him having a scandal with Nika. Party leaders must provide us with explanations on the claims which had gone viral. These matters are topics often talked about by the grassroots."

In June last year, blogger Raja Petra Kamaruddin released a statutory declaration (SD) by former deputy public prosecutor Stanley Clement Augustin who claimed that his wife, Gee, had a sexual relationship with Muhyiddin.

Augustin said the sexual tryst first took place two decades ago. The SD also claimed that Gee met Muhyiddin overseas and would receive financial and material gifts from the latter.

"For us, these issues must be addressed to avoid accusations,