

PM denies offering DPM post to Shafie

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has denied that he offered the post of deputy prime minister to Parti Warisan Sabah president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal, a claim that was reported by a news portal recently.

"Referring to the statement by Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal in his interview with Malaysiakini on July 14, I wish to stress that contrary to what was alleged, I never offered the post of deputy prime minister to him in March after becoming prime minister," Muhyiddin said in a statement yesterday.

In the two-paragraph statement, he said Shafie's remarks were not true and was his own assumption.

"I regard Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal's statement in the same interview — 'he did not say it, but I knew about the matter' — as untrue," Muhyiddin said.

In the interview, Shafie alleged that Muhyiddin had asked him to be his deputy in the Perikatan Nasional (PN) government.

Shafie reportedly said Muhyiddin had contacted him to get Warisan's support to strengthen PN. **Bernama**



Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal