

Clash of the former PMs

Muhyiddin tells Najib to stop stirring the pot over past issues

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PAGOH: The spat between former prime ministers Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Najib Razak is escalating as election fever grips Johor.

Yesterday, Muhyiddin advised Najib to focus on bringing stability to the country instead of raising past issues, such as involving the previous Sabah state election.

The Perikatan Nasional chairman and Parti Pribumi Bersatu

Malaysia (Bersatu) president questioned Najib's motives, saying: "I find it weird and amazing that a former prime minister like him can continue raising issues that have been resolved."

"The Sabah government has already been formed and is working very well with good cooperation

and understanding.

"I don't know what else he wants to dig up, and don't know what are his tricks and motivation" he told reporters here yesterday.

Muhyiddin was asked about Najib's accusations that he tried to undermine Barisan Nasional during the 2020 Sabah polls.

Najib charged that Muhyiddin planned to name Sabah Bersatu chief Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor as chief minister candidate all along, refuting Muhyiddin's Facebook post on Thursday.

In the post, Muhyiddin claimed he only named Hajiji as the candidate for the CM's post because, despite him asking Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi to submit a name, the latter only did so at the end of the campaign period.

Last month, Najib said that the Emergency Proclamation that lasted nearly eight months when Muhyiddin was prime minister was not successful in curbing Covid-19 and protecting the economy.