

PARLIAMENT SIZZLES OVER MUHYIDDIN JIBE

Commotion erupts
after MP links
former prime
minister's son-in-law
to corruption case

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THE Dewan Rakyat debate session yesterday became heated after a member of parliament implicated former prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's son-in-law in a corruption investigation.

This irked opposition MPs, with Muhyiddin again claiming political assassination.

In his debate speech on the revised 2023 Budget, Khoo Poay Tiong (Pakatan Harapan-Kota Melaka) said scandals had been exposed, including those involving the Jana Wibawa programme and flood mitigation projects.

"Among them are the RM7 billion Jana Wibawa programme, the RM7 billion flood mitigation project and the RM1 billion National Integrated Immigration System, which was given to a son-in-law.

"Everyone in Malaysia knows about this. It was reported in the newspapers that the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) is investigating Pagoh's (Muhyiddin's) son-in-law.

"Pagoh, can check the Hansard. Some politicians claimed to be 'clean and stable during the general election,'" he said, much to the chagrin of some MPs, including opposition leader Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin, who challenged Khoo to repeat his statement on Jana Wibawa and threatened to take legal action.

In protesting Khoo's statement, Muhyiddin reiterated his stance that he was a victim of politics in the Jana Wibawa case.

He said he upheld the truth when he gave statements to the MACC in its probe into the case.

He said the allegations were slanderous and came from those who wanted to bring him and his

family down.

"I have denied all accusations that I was involved in the awarding of a National Integrated Immigration System contract during Larut's (Hamzah's) tenure as the home minister that was said to be linked to my son-in-law.

"These allegations directed at my family and I are serious. You say that it has been reported in the newspapers, but we know there is fake news out there."

He said he would not hesitate to take legal action against those who accuse him of awarding the tender to his son-in-law.

"I am stating clearly that I won't hesitate to take legal action as it involves my family's dignity."

Deputy Speaker Alice Lau Kiong Yieng, in her ruling, asked Khoo to retract the part of his statement implicating Muhyiddin.

"You can say any party, but don't mention Pagoh. Retract your statement first, then rephrase it.

"If you want to challenge his (Khoo's) statement, take it outside," she told other MPs, citing Standing Order 36(6) on the contents of speeches.