

**Muhyiddin should resign, not Prof Redzuan, says DAP**  
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Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is the one who should resign for the sake of education in the country instead of Professor Datuk Dr Mohamad Redzuan Othman who quit as head of Universiti Malaya's Centre for Democracy and Elections (UMcedel) after being ordered by the Education Ministry, the DAP said today.

Party adviser Lim Kit Siang took a swipe at Muhyiddin, saying that the latter had nothing to show as education minister in the past year except for violations of academic freedom.

"What has Muhyiddin to show in more than a year as the powerful Education Minister apart from the latest disgraceful episode of interference and violation of academic freedom resulting in the resignation of Redzuan from Universiti Malaya?" he asked in a statement today.

The Malaysian Insider had reported today that the Education Ministry had told Redzuan to quit as UMcedel director, while his tenure as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in the university was also not renewed.

UMcedel had irked Putrajaya with its various survey findings on Malaysian politics which had shown the ruling Barisan Nasional in a bad light.

Sources told The Malaysian Insider that not only was he ordered to resign as director of UMcedel, Redzuan's tenure as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in the university was also not renewed.

In UM, though deans are elected by the academic staff, their appointments are still subject to endorsement by the university's management.

Sources said although Redzuan was said to have been given the thumbs up by his colleagues for the dean's post, political pressure compelled the university not to endorse his election.

Following that, former deputy higher education minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah today resigned as a senior research fellow from UM to protest Redzuan's forced resignation.

"On the principle of academic freedom and solidarity, I resign as UM senior research fellow today. It is related to the case against Prof Redzuan," Saifuddin posted on Twitter.

Lim also lamented that the dismal showing in university rankings has caused heartache to Malaysians.

"It has become a heart-rending occasion for Malaysians whenever there is a publication of world university rankings, for it is not to find out how well Malaysian universities compare with the best in the world, but how badly we have fared in international university comparisons and benchmarkings.

"Will Redzuan and Saifuddin's resignations from UM and the failure of Malaysian universities to regain world-class academic standards and standing, which is so critical and crucial to Malaysia's international competitiveness, be on the agenda of the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, or is this one of the "taboo" subjects which no Minister dares to raise in Cabinet?" he asked. – June 30, 2014

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