

DPM trying to be hero by attacking Najib, says blog reader
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KUALA LUMPUR, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had been labelled a betrayer to the Malays, Umno and colleagues in the Cabinet by a blog reader.

Amin Yatim, who wrote in to online blog *mykmunet* said Muhyiddin was wrong to criticise the way in which the controversies surrounding 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) were being handled by the government.

Amin said the Deputy Umno president made it worse by making the statements during the Cheras Umno delegates meeting as it would demoralise party ranks, since the latter was insinuating that 1MDB was a big scandal.

“It looks as if Muhyiddin’s presence at the meeting is to contest for the party president’s post or put Umno in shambles.

“If Muhyiddin is sincere he should have said let the authorities conduct its investigation to find the truth in due course, as the matter at stake is a complex issue,” he wrote.

The writer also chastised Muhyiddin for saying that BN’s chances of getting a simple majority in the next general election would be affected if the issues were prolonged.

The writer said no leader would announce defeat in front of his own supporters unless he was a traitor.

He said Muhyiddin was trying to be a hero by attacking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

The writer pointed out that if Muhyiddin was convinced that Najib was responsible for the issues, he should not have agreed for Umno’s party elections, which were initially scheduled for next year, to be postponed for 18 months.

On Sunday, Muhyiddin was reported by Bernama as saying the government must take steps to resolve the controversies surrounding 1MDB because they would become a burden to Umno which is the backbone of the government.

Muhyiddin, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairman and Umno deputy president, said if the issues became prolonged, it would erode confidence in the BN government among party members and thus affect the coalition’s chances of getting a simple majority in the next general election.

He also suggested that the interim report on 1MDB be made public so that the people would know what really happened.

Meanwhile, *Malaysiakini* reported that Umno supreme council member Reezal Merican Naina Merican said Muhyiddin’s speech last night did not mean the party was in turmoil.

Muhyiddin, he was reported to have said, was entitled to his opinions and it should not be viewed as a clash of views between him and Najib.

“I also hope that we take heed of Muhyiddin’s criticism while making a commitment and renewed efforts to strengthen the people’s trust in us,” he was reported to have said.

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