

**Hisham rubbishes efforts to split him, Najib**  
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Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said today that efforts to drive a wedge between him and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will not work, reiterating that he has no plans to step down.

"First of all, there is no issue of me resigning. Second, those who are trying to create a rift between us or bring up issues linking me and the prime minister, believe me, will not work," he said.

Hishammuddin, who is also Umno vice-president, was responding to rumours of him quitting that were circulating online, after reports of Najib's "ultimatum" to ministers who disagree with his restructuring plan for debt-ridden 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) to quit.

"If you want to talk about quitting, then Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has probably resigned last night," he said, at a press conference at the Defence Ministry in Jalan Semarak today.

Repeating his earlier tweet on the matter, he said such talks were part of a "negative spin" by irresponsible people.

"I am still here, chairing a meeting for my ministry. I feel there is a negative spin on the matter," he said.

At the same time, Hishammuddin also denied reports saying that he did not attend the Cabinet meeting last Friday as he was away in Singapore for a security related function.

"Actually, I was present at the meeting last Friday," he said.

Hishammuddin yesterday placed three conditions on his support for Najib's plan for 1MDB, which accumulated RM42 billion in debts in just six years of operations.

"Agree with conditions 1) rationalisation of 1MDB, 2) accountability if there is wrongdoing, and 3), transparency on (conditions 1 and 2)," he tweeted. – June 3, 2015.

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