

## **Umno branch urges party to be 'more aggressive' over Najib's scandals**

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Umno's Taman Datuk Amar Diraja branch has raised a motion for party leaders to be more "aggressive" in their approach, should party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak fail to answer the numerous allegations raised against him.

These include his purported involvement in the murder of Mongolian Altantuya Shaariibuu, issues involving 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), the purchase of private jets, and the Malay economy, said the motion, which was raised during the Umno Kluang division's annual general meeting.

"If Datuk Seri is unable to come up with reasonable answers, we propose that Umno leaders at the division, state and national level come up with a more aggressive and integrated method by prioritising and emphasising the party over the individual," states the motion.

"If the Umno top leadership does not take heed or action, we Umno members are worried that this party, the backbone of the Malay race, will fall in the 14th general election."

The motion states that there is also no indication that the economy of the Malays has improved since Najib took office as prime minister.

"There have been no signs that support from the Chinese has increased, there has been no signs of political stability in the country, on the contrary, the revelations involving Datuk Seri are very worrying for us Umno members and strong supporters of Barisan Nasional (BN)," reads the motion.

The Kluang Umno division's annual general meeting began today at the Dewan Pekan Baru, Kluang Johor.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, whom Najib dropped from the Cabinet last Tuesday, officiated today's meeting.

The Umno deputy president had been critical of 1MDB in recent months, and had publicly called for Najib to explain his role in the scandal surrounding the debt-laden state investment firm.

Kluang branch Umno Youth chief Azizul Ali, in a statement ahead of Muhyiddin's visit to the party's branch in Kluang today, had urged Najib to return the deputy prime minister post to Muhyiddin.

He said Najib should observe Umno's tradition when it comes to the appointment of

top leaders in government.

"If the honourable president could not respect the will of the party members, we fear that members will lose their respect to the honourable president."

Azizul's statement came just two days after two state Umno Youth leaders resigned from their positions on Friday in reaction to Muhyiddin's sacking.

They were Asrul Esreen Mohd Salleh and Saiful Zakry Ripin. Both were Tenggara Umno Youth division committee members. – August 2, 2015.

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