

**Umno will lose if general election held now, says Muhyiddin**  
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Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin tonight warned that Umno is suffering from a perception crisis from the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) controversy and would lose a general election if one was held now.

"I speak the truth. If the Parliament is dissolved tomorrow we won't win the general election. There has been research that says we will find it hard to to win the next general election.

"I'm just stating how we are being perceived on the ground," said Muhyiddin while opening the Cheras Umno division annual general meeting in the capital tonight.

Despite the negative impression, Muhyiddin said the lynchpin party of the ruling coalition still had time before the next election to consolidate and march forward.

Muhyiddin said he had asked a recent retreat in Putrajaya for Wanita Umno members about the party's chances if Parliament was dissolved for a general election and not one of them expressed confidence the party would win.

Muhyiddin reminded the delegates that the opposition had said that it won the last general election in 2013 based on the popular vote but Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) had retained power.

"We still won the elections then but if the popular vote continues to drop by 2%, then BN will lose in the next general election." – July 26, 2015.

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