

**Let's remove Najib from government, opposition MPs tell Muhyiddin**  
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Opposition lawmakers today are asking Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and other Barisan Nasional (BN) MPs to hold a vote of no-confidence against Datuk Seri Najib Razak, moments before the prime minister announced a Cabinet reshuffle.

Lawmakers from PKR, DAP and Gerakan Harapan Baru (GHB) said now was the most critical time to remove Najib and allow a "transition government" to take over Putrajaya, given that Muhyiddin was rumoured to be dropped from the Cabinet.

"With the widespread talk that Tan Sri Muhyiddin will be sacked as deputy prime minister, it is time that he and his group, and other BN parliamentarians who love the country support an effort to form a transition government through a vote of no-confidence against Datuk Seri Najib Razak," GHB pro-tem chairman Mohamad Sabu read from a statement at a press conference.

Just before 2pm today, Najib announced Muhyiddin's removal and the post will now be taken over by Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Zahid will also retain his current portfolio as home minister.

In offering a lifeline to Muhyiddin, the opposition lawmakers today said that he and others interested in working with them to oust Najib must abide by four conditions.

The first was that a new interim prime minister be appointed from among the "elder statesmen" to lead the transition government for a year, until the 14th general election is called.

They must also pledge to reform institutions to ensure the next general election was fair; that scandals such as 1Malaysia Development Bhd be solved; and that "oppressive" economic policies be revamped.

"This transition government can be held soon if the members of parliament from BN come together with PKR, DAP and GHB to support a vote of no-confidence against Najib.

"This motion can be made during the current Parliament session or the coming one," said Mat Sabu.

The statement was signed by GHB leaders Mat Sabu, Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad, Khalid Samad, Saari Sungib, Dr Siti Mariah, Hanipa Maidin, Dr Hatta Ramli, Kamarudin Jaffar, Hasnul Baharuddin, Izham Hisham, DAP leaders Tony Pua, Teresa Kok, Liew Chin Tong and PKR leaders Rafizi Ramli, Datuk Saifuddin Nasution, Sim Tze Tzin, and Wong Chen.

"This is the critical time to do this. There has always been talk of a vote of no-confidence, but now we are seeing a repeat of the 1998, so there is no better time to act," said Pua, who was also present at the press conference held in Petaling Jaya.

He was referring to the 1998 sacking of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, the only other time a deputy minister was axed in the history of Malaysia.

"We want to send out a clear message to our friends, especially the BN parliamentarians," said Rafizi.

"Let's put all our differences aside and put the country back on track. Let's save Malaysia." – July 28, 2015.

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