

Najib's Cabinet reshuffle, A-G move to halt 1MDB probe, says Azmin
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Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's sacking as deputy prime minister and Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail's removal as Attorney-General gives the impression that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib is stopping any investigation against him, Selangor Menteri Besar Azmin Ali said today.

Gani was part of a special task force that was investigating allegations that Najib had US\$700 million (RM2.67 billion) of state funds allegedly transferred to his personal bank accounts.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin had been critical of Najib's handling of 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) which sits on a RM42 billion debt.

The PKR deputy president said that Malaysians must work with civil society groups to bring about a "change" in Putrajaya now as Najib's Cabinet reshuffle has only plunged the nation into a "deeper crisis", while strengthening the prime minister's own position.

"The country needs total reform now to return the confidence of the people and the international community to save our economy," Azmin said in a statement today.

"Parliamentarians without considering their parties should unite to save Malaysia. The people will not support any member of parliament who watches as the country plunges into a deeper crisis," he added.

Azmin said the call for change was made by PKR de facto leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim during a meeting last Friday, which lasted for over two hours.

There had been talks of a new opposition coalition following Pakatan Rakyat's collapse recently, but the make-up of the new coalition, which reportedly will include elements from civil society, is yet to be confirmed. – July 28, 2015.

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