

DAP takes Hadi to task for playing down Muhyiddin, Gani's removal
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DAP today expressed disappointment at the president of its former ally PAS for not making a stand on the sacking of former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and attorney-general Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail.

Its secretary-general, Lim Guan Eng, said he regretted that Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang had chosen not comment on the matter and wanted to look at the performances of the ministers first after yesterday's Cabinet reshuffle.

Lim said he was surprised that Hadi could perceived the reshuffle as something "normal" when it saw the removal of the deputy prime minister, several other ministers and even the A-G.

"This shows he is leaning towards Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Umno. It is clear where PAS is heading.

"Other PAS leaders may be questioning the reshuffle but what they say mean nothing without Hadi taking a stand.

"Hadi has said before that he is the one who makes decisions and has the veto power to overwrite everyone else in his party," he told reporters in Komtar today.

There has been much bad blood between DAP and PAS after the Islamist party revived its hudud agenda and broke ties with DAP, causing the collapse of the opposition pact Pakatan Rakyat in March.

The relationship between the two started to turn sour since the Selangor menteri besar crisis last year when Hadi went against his party and Pakatan's earlier decision to support the nomination of PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the new menteri besar. Hadi submitted his own list of nominees to the Selangor palace.

Lim said in the latest development affecting the country, Hadi failed to consider the seriousness of the reshuffle.

"It is like an earthquake and he has decided to not make his stand yet.

"Both the deputy prime minister and A-G had been sacked and it has implications on the probes into 1Malaysia Development Berhad by the A-G, Bank Negara, the police, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)," he said.

Yesterday, Muhyiddin was dropped from the cabinet as deputy prime minister and education minister. He had on Sunday openly questioned and criticised Najib over the

1MDB issue at a Cheras Umno meeting.

Najib said he could accept differences but they should be dealt with in the right forum.

In his reshuffle, he also elevated four members of the PAC to the cabinet.

Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed is now deputy home minister while Datuk Seri Reezal Merican is deputy foreign affairs minister and Datuk Mas Ermieyati Samsudin is deputy tourism and culture minister. Datuk Wilfred Madius Tangau is the only one of the four to be made minister and he is in charge of science, technology and innovation.

Meanwhile, on the same day, Gani was terminated as A-G, although he was due to retire on October 6, and replaced by former federal judge Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali. It was reported that Gani, a member of the special task force looking into the 1MDB scandal, was suffering from a kidney ailment.

Opposition MPs had immediately responded to the reshuffle, which was seen as a tactic to affect investigations into the 1MDB, by calling for a no-confidence vote motion to be tabled in the Dewan Rakyat against Najib. – July 29, 2015.

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