

Umno leaders slam Muhyiddin for questioning Najib's RM2.6 billion
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Umno leaders have slammed the party's deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for questioning the whereabouts of the balance of the RM2.6 billion "donation" in Datuk Seri Najib Razak's personal accounts, Berita Harian reports today.

They said continued questioning on the issue would only confuse Umno members and lead to further split in the Malay party.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Mohd Puad Zarkashi criticised Muhyiddin, accusing him of deliberately confusing members.

He said the former deputy prime minister might intend to sabotage the party, and urged Umno's management committee to monitor Muhyiddin's actions and statements.

"I am questioning his motives. What is saddening is that after he was dropped from cabinet, he made assurances that he will continue to work to strengthen the party.

"However his actions in questioning the political funds can confuse members and cause a split, throwing the party into deeper turmoil," he was quoted as saying.

When opening the ongoing Umno divisional meetings, Muhyiddin repeated his criticism against troubled state-owned 1Malaysia Development Fund (1MDB) and questioned the prime minister's decision to drop him from the Cabinet due to differences of opinion.

Muhyiddin and Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal were dropped in the July 28 Cabinet reshuffle, which many believed was due to their criticism against 1MDB which has accumulated debts of RM42 billion in six years of operation.

The duo in their speeches at party divisional meetings also raised the issue of 1MDB and the RM2.6 billion in Najib's personal accounts, which the Malaysian Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) said was from an unknown Middle East donor.

Berita Harian also quoted Sabah Umno deputy chairman Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak as saying that incessant questions on the RM2.6 billion will cause members to hate Najib, the party president.

He proposed that Muhyiddin meet with Najib to ask him directly.

Another Supreme Council member, Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi (pic, left), was more hard-hitting, saying that Muhyiddin's statements were "unethical" and showed he had lost trust in Najib.

"Enough Muhyiddin, refrain from raising the donation issue. He should sincerely help

the president and not attack him," Aziz was quoted as saying.

Umno information chief Datuk Mohd Khusairi Abdul Talib meanwhile felt the RM2.6 billion is a small amount compared with Najib's commitment in managing the party.

"Before this, no one ever questioned the sources of funds obtained by the Umno president or BN chairman, so why now?

"The opposition, including DAP and PKR, also have their own political funds which they do not publicly announce. Moreover, their members and grassroots leaders do not question the sources of funding to their leaders," he was quoted as saying.

Kuala Terengganu Umno division chief Datuk Mohd Sabri Alwi said Muhyiddin's statements were inappropriate as he is still the party's number two.

"It looks as though he is trying to influence members to hate Najib... it seems he is part of a conspiracy to topple the prime minister," he was quoted as saying. – August 16, 2015.

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