

**Umno risks backlash from youth if plot to oust Muhyiddin materialises, says report**  
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The plot by 140 division chiefs to oust the Umno deputy president, if true, will be an insult to those who voted for Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, said Pagoh Youth chief Mohd Zaid Abd Rahman.

Malay daily Sinar Harian reported Zaid as saying that such action could not be accepted and would bring adverse consequences to Umno, especially from the youngsters.

"Removing Muhyiddin will erode the trust these youth have in Umno because he (Muhyiddin) is known as a leader who has contributed greatly to the party and is an inspiration to some for his willingness to stand up for the truth," Zaid said.

He added that Muhyiddin was known as a consistent ultra Malay leader and had maintained that Umno could not lose the support and trust of the youth in order to win the 14th general election.

He said the grassroots should be the ones determining Muhyiddin's fate, either in the next party polls or by holding an emergency meeting, not by conspiring against him.

"Realise this, all these leadership and trust crises in Umno now should not be happening unless the plot is sponsored in a planned way by certain people to gain political mileage and huge profit."

Meanwhile, the Paya Besar Umno division chief added that there was no plot to oust the former deputy minister who has been vocal in his criticism of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Instead, Datuk Abdul Manan Ismail said, most Umno division chiefs were expressing their disappointment in Muhyiddin.

Abdul Manan said Muhyiddin's actions were not in line with his words, as he was smearing Umno but at the same time claiming to defend the party.

He said many grassroots leaders were tired of the games Muhyiddin was playing.

"The current situation is that we are seeing many terrible things being said about the party... It does not give a good impression of the leaders and other members. He (Muhyiddin) is one of the top leaders he should be showing loyalty to the party and the president," he added.

Abdul Manan also said that Muhyiddin was trying to obtain sympathy and saw himself as someone who was persecuted by those who did not support him.

"If we want to be a leader, we would have to be transparent, honest and sincere. We cannot be different in front of others and another way behind their backs," he said, refuting allegations of a plot to oust the embattled Umno deputy president.

Muhyiddin has become increasingly critical of Najib over his running of the administration, namely his handling of the scandals surrounding debt-ridden state-owned investment firm 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and a RM2.6 billion donation from a Middle Eastern donor banked into Najib's private accounts before the 2013 general election.

Following his criticism, Muhyiddin was sacked as deputy prime minister and removed from the Cabinet as education minister in late July. Since then, there have been calls to remove him as Umno deputy president.

The campaign has gone viral on social network sites and is reportedly spreading via Instagram.

According to Sinar Harian, one site, "Johor Bangkit", claims that 140 division leaders in Umno, including five from Johor, had agreed to remove Muhyiddin who is said to enjoy strong grassroots support from his home state Johor.

The site added that the Umno Supreme Council meeting, which was to be held this Friday, had been postponed to allow them more time to gather support from division leaders to make the plot to oust Muhyiddin a success. – October 29, 2015.

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