

Nazri pledges to speak up for Muhyiddin in Umno
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Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz has pledged his support for Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to remain as deputy president until the next party elections, Malaysiakini reported.

The tourism minister reportedly said he would do what he could to save the party leader who was ousted from Cabinet in July, adding that dissent should be allowed in the ruling party.

"As a party which is celebrating its 70th anniversary next year, we must have enough space for differing opinions and dissidents," Nazri reportedly said.

Nazri said Muhyiddin should be allowed to remain until the next party elections, when vice-president Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi could fight him.

"Let him continue until his tenure ends. Then I will ask Zahid to fight him. I am sure Muhyiddin will lose," he said, according to the report.

He also reportedly said that only the Supreme Council could take action against Muhyiddin, adding however that he was not sure whether the deputy president was one of the seven leaders whom Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor had threatened to suspend last Wednesday for publicly disparaging the party.

Meanwhile, The Malaysian Insider reported today that Umno is set to suspend Muhyiddin before its general assembly in December, following the deputy president's continuous attacks against president Datuk Seri Najib Razak over state-owned 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) and a RM2.6 billion "donation" deposited into his accounts.

Quoting party insiders, the report said the Supreme Council was preparing charge papers against Muhyiddin, to be submitted to the disciplinary board along with evidence of his offences.

The move is to prevent Muhyiddin from continuing to attack the Umno leadership during the officiating ceremony of the assembly in December, which will involve all wings of the party.

The decision to postpone the Supreme Council meeting today was also said to prepare for Muhyiddin's suspension. – October 30, 2015.

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