

Muhyiddin says he'll be a stump at Umno assembly next week
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Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin says he will attend next week's party general assembly but his presence will be akin to a stump, following the Supreme Council's decision to stop the tradition of having the No. 2 give the opening address at the assemblies of the Youth, Wanita and Puteri wings.

"I want to speak but I am told I am not allowed to make speeches. I cannot speak at the Women, Puteri and Youth wings.

"I am told I cannot take part in the winding-up as well. So I will be like a 'tunggul' (stump) on stage," he told reporters today at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Muhyiddin turned up at PWTC this afternoon to lend support to nine Teluk Kemang Umno branch leaders summoned by the party disciplinary board for calling a press conference recently to urge Datuk Seri Najib Razak to resign as party president.

The Umno general assembly begins on Tuesday with the opening of the three wings' meetings.

Muhyiddin lost his deputy prime minister position in a Cabinet reshuffle after criticising Najib's handling of his brainchild 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), which is mired in debt.

He has continued to speak against the prime minister on these matters.

Following this, Najib said the party would stop its tradition of having its deputy president officiate its Youth, Wanita, and Puteri wing assemblies during annual general meeting in order to create a "positive atmosphere".

The chiefs of the respective wings will officiate their meetings, he said.

The decision to discontinue the party deputy president's speeches at the wing assemblies has been described as a request by the heads of the wings themselves so that they can open their own assemblies, according to Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Zahid Hamidi and Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin. – December 2, 2015.

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