

**1MDB, Umno leaders to blame for falling support, says Muhyiddin  
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Malay support for Umno has fallen to 30%, and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin blamed this on the party's leadership and the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal.

Malaysiakini reported the Umno deputy president as saying that the community's support for the Malay ruling party usually hovered above 50%, based on a Merdeka Center survey.

"However of late it has dwindled to 30%.

"Similarly, the (percentage of) people satisfied with the present economic situation is only at 17% and there are 78% who are not satisfied with the present state.

"The level of Chinese support for the government has also dwindled from 13% in the last general election to only 5% at present.

"This is the reality facing Umno as a result of the present leadership, due to 1MDB. And if not corrected, within two years, Umno may lose," Muhyiddin was quoted as saying yesterday at the Pagoh division gathering to show support for him.

The Pagoh MP reportedly expressed hope the party's leadership would not ignore the survey, since it represented the sentiments of the public.

Muhyiddin added that the dwindling support for the party was what pushed him to raise his concerns over 1MDB to Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"My actions were to try and rectify the situation and remedy the party.

"You (Najib) are the responsible person who created this problem. How long should I remain silent on this?" he was quoted as saying.

Muhyiddin was dropped as deputy prime minister in a Cabinet reshuffle last July, after openly questioning Najib on his handling of the 1MDB issue and the RM2.6 billion donation channeled into his personal bank accounts.

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

He still remains the party deputy president, but has now lost his platform to speak to members after the Umno Supreme Council last week decided to stop the tradition of the party's number two officiating at the Youth, Wanita and Puteri assemblies, which will be held next week. – November 30, 2015.

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