

**Muhyiddin signals defiance of Umno sanction for Kg Baru speech**  
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Umno's estranged deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin does not fear any party disciplinary action for advising Datuk Seri Najib Razak two days ago to step aside while investigations are being done over RM2.6 billion found in the prime minister's personal bank accounts.

Muhyiddin, who was mobbed by reporters during his surprise visit to the Umno wing's assembly today, shook his head in the negative when asked whether he was afraid of being sanctioned by the party.

The Umno Supreme Council is scheduled to meet tonight to decide on how to respond to Muhyiddin's speech at the December 7 gathering in Kampung Baru, at which he openly criticised the party's senior leadership.

Muhyiddin had caused a stir today when he visited the assemblies of the party's Wanita, Puteri and Youth wings.

He refused to stop for a formal interview but appeared to respond to questions thrown at him while leaving the Putra World Trade Centre.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal, who also followed Muhyiddin's visit said the two received a good response from delegates at the assemblies.

"We will come out with a statement tomorrow," said Shafie before leaving with Muhyiddin.

Muhyiddin's colleagues in Umno's top decision-making body, the Supreme Council, have hit out at him for speaking out against Najib at a gathering of Umno members in Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur on Monday.

Supreme Council member Datuk Tajuddin Abdul Rahman said many members were upset at Muhyiddin for speaking at the gathering, which also featured Najib's most vocal critic Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Another supreme council member Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin said he had doubts over Muhyiddin's future in Umno.

"We may have differences of opinion but you should not say it out in the open. What he did, I think it will put a nail in the coffin for him," Raja Nong Chik was quoted as saying yesterday.

Muhyiddin has been at odds with Najib over the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) fiasco and how the president and prime minister received RM2.6 billion into his personal bank accounts.

These disagreements resulted in Muhyiddin being dropped from Najib's Cabinet in July.

Umno leaders who attended a closed briefing with the president yesterday told The Malaysian Insider that Najib had allegedly said the relationship with Muhyiddin had become "difficult". – December 9, 2015.

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