

I'm only Umno No. 2 in name, thanks to Najib, says Muhyiddin
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Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today Datuk Seri Najib Razak has been preventing him from carrying out his duties as Umno deputy president, since he was barred from speaking at the party's general assembly last year.

Muhyiddin said he accepted the prime minister's decision to drop him as deputy prime minister, but added that as the party's deputy president, he still needed to carry out his duty of advising the Umno president, based on the party's constitution.

"Until today he is not allowing me to carry out my duties.

"I've already been sacked as deputy prime minister, fine, that is his prerogative, although the prerogative not to be appointed as a minister is not absolute, especially given that I'm the party's deputy president.

"The party president asked during the assembly whether I know the duties of the deputy president.

"I'm the chairman of the constitutional committee, so there's no need to ask me.

"Of course I know... firstly, to help the president and second, to chair meetings in his absence.

"Helping the president can be interpreted as many things.

"Carrying out party matters such as heading the election machinery, looking over voter registration and troubleshooting at the division level.

"That is the responsibility I have carried out as deputy president for the past six years without any problems, " he said at the launch of the Coalition of Branch Chiefs Malaysia (GKCM) in Taman Diyung Intan, Port Dickson.

Muhyiddin also challenged the party leadership to act against him if he has violated any provision in Umno's constitution by being critical of the administration.

He said he was aware that Umno has investigated his speech made at a gathering in Kampung Baru on December 7 last year, as the party's secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor announced as much.

"Unless and until you have enough evidence that whatever I have done is something really wrong from the point and view of constitution, don't dare to take action against me," he added. – February 20, 2016.

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