

**Rafizi offers friendship to Muhyiddin in push for institutional reforms**  
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Pandan MP Rafizi Ramli says he will personally welcome suspended Umno leader Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in efforts to work for institutional reforms.

Stressing that he was only speaking in his personal capacity and not for his party, PKR, Rafizi said he was willing to extend a hand of friendship to "anyone and everyone" who agreed with the need to reform Malaysian institutions to prevent abuse of power.

"We are at a unique junction in our history. For the first time, we may just reach the critical point where a majority of our society irrespective of their background understands why we cannot delay reforms anymore.

"The priority now is to bring the rakyat together to push for an overhaul of the abusive current system," Rafizi said in a statement.

He was responding to Muhyiddin's reaction to his suspension by the Umno Supreme Council last night, after seven months of open discord with the party leadership over his criticism of party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"I welcome Tan Sri Muhyiddin to this movement of rakyat and offer my hand of friendship so that we can work together to ensure a new Malaysia that is just and fair, that puts rule of law above personal interest."

Muhyiddin said more had to be done to reform Malaysia's institutions beyond removing Najib as prime minister, and called for limits to the prime minister's powers over public institutions.

Najib last month avoided criminal charges over the RM2.6 billion donation in his personal bank accounts and alleged wrongdoing in Finance Ministry-owned SRC International Sdn Bhd when the attorney-general said investigations did not yield enough evidence to prosecute him.

The attorney-general's decision had been widely criticised, with Muhyiddin among critics alleging that the prime minister had too much control over the government lawyer and there institutions. – February 27, 2016.

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