

GE13 spending: Nazri's sarcastic retort to Muhyiddin

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Padang Rengas MP challenges Muhyiddin to deny he received RM10,000 for the deposit and a cash cheque of RM200,000 for his campaign in last general election.

PETALING JAYA: In a sarcasm-laden response, Umno minister Nazri Aziz today challenged Muhyiddin Yasin to deny receiving any funds from the party.

The tourism and culture minister said that every division chief and MP received funds prior to the 13th general election (GE13) four years ago.

"I suppose he is not a division chief and not an MP, and I assume that he didn't receive any money.

"Good for him, I think he must be rich," he told FMT, taking a sarcastic tone to respond to Muhyiddin having denied that he received any money from the RM2.6 billion that was deposited in Prime Minister Najib Razak's bank accounts two months prior to GE13.

At a ceramah on Wednesday night, the former deputy prime minister swore he did not receive a single sen from the sum.

The PPBM president also described Nazri's allegation, which he made on Sunday, as slanderous.

Prior to being booted out from Umno, Muhyiddin was the Pagoh division chief. He, however, remains as the MP for the constituency, a position he retained in GE13 as a BN candidate.

Nazri went on to state that every BN candidate received RM10,000 as a deposit to be paid to the Election Commission (EC). The candidates, he added, also receive a cash cheque of RM200,000 to be spent on their respective campaigns, as that is the maximum allowed to be spent under EC rules.

"We all received this money. So, I don't know, maybe Muhyiddin and Shafie (Apdal) paid with their own money or they rejected the cash cheque."

The Padang Rengas MP then challenged Muhyiddin to deny he had received RM10,000 for the deposit and a cash cheque of RM200,000.

"Deny that lah."

Last Sunday, during a tell-all session with Umno Overseas Alumni Club members in Kuala Lumpur, Nazri had also alleged that Shafie, the former rural and regional development minister, had received such funds.

Nazri claimed the duo had received more than him because aside from the fixed amount of RM210,000, every MP was also given money based on the number of Umno branches under their constituency.

Nazri said he received an additional RM300,000 for 60 branches, while Muhyiddin and Shafie were given more as their constituencies had many more Umno branches.

Shafie, who is now the president of Sabah-based party Warisan, also denied Nazri's claim, adding the allegation was "absurd".

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