

PM Post: Mukhriz, Syed Saddiq prepared to be punished by Bersatu

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PUTRAJAYA, March 1 -- Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir and Youth chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman are prepared to face disciplinary action by the party for not supporting Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for the prime minister's post.

Mukhriz said he was prepared to be sacked by the party.

"That is a risk we have to face. We are still holding posts in the party, including Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as chairman, and we will explain to party members until the grassroots level to clear the air on what happened.

"The Bersatu Supreme Council (MPT) never picked Muhyiddin (as PM candidate)," he told reporters after attending a meeting with the party's heads of divisions and wings here today.

Mukhriz said the Supreme Council had clearly decided to nominate only Dr Mahathir for the post of prime minister.

"There was no MPT decision to nominate Muhyiddin for prime minister," he said.

He said the Supreme Council had also unanimously asked Dr Mahathir to withdraw his resignation as chairman of the party.

"So, any statement saying he is no longer the chairman is totally untrue," he added.

Muar MP Syed Saddiq said he joined Bersatu to help clean politics of leaders who are corrupt and abuse powers.

He said he was brave enough to stand for the truth and to refuse to cooperate with UMNO.

Present at the meeting were Bersatu secretary-general Datuk Marzuki Yahya, Kubang Pasu MP Datuk Amiruddin Hamzah, Simpang Renggam MP Dr Maszlee Malik and Supreme Council member Datuk A Kadir Jasin.

The meeting was attended by more than 200 Bersatu members and several Parti Amanah Negara Youth leaders.

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