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Go ahead and join protest, Nazri tells Muhyiddin, Mukhriz

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SANDAKAN: Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz said he wants Tan Sri Datuk Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir to join the March 27 rally to protest the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Nazri said that if Muhyiddin and Mukhriz attended the rally, Umno would have all the more reason to oust the duo from the party for good, which would then allow Umno to defeat them.

"I think it is a good thing that they continue with their move (after signing the declaration to demand the removal of Najib as Prime Minister) and join the rally as this will add to the proof for me to recommend for their (Muhyiddin and Mukhriz) removal from Umno.

"I hope they continue to take part with the movement so that it will make it easier for me to fight them. Right now, I want to fight them but they are still Umno members. However, after they are removed from Umno, we will fight them and I am sure that both of them will lose," he said.

Nazri said this during a press conference held after he visited a village library at Kampung Batu Putih Mile 7 here yesterday.

"I would not be surprised if they (Muhyiddin and Mukhriz) attend the rally because they have signed the declaration against the Prime Minister organised by Mahathir (Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad).

"They are aware that we (Umno) will take action," he added.

Meanwhile, Nazri said the removal of Muhyiddin and Mukhriz from Umno would not affect the party.

"When Muhyiddin was suspended from his position as



Nazri (seated, second left) reading a book to children during his visit to the Kampung Batu Putih village library yesterday.

deputy president in Umno, there was no demonstration held. I do not think that there would be any negative impact if Muhyiddin and Mukhriz are ousted from Umno," he said.

When asked about Mahathir's continuous moves against the Prime Minister, Nazri said that they (Umno) do not care about Mahathir.

"He is nobody. He left the party (Umno). He enters and leaves a party like he changes his clothes, like he enters and leaves his house," he said.

Nazri also reiterated that Umno's responsibility is to the rakyat, not to Mahathir, Muhyiddin or Mukhriz.

"When the old people are ignored, they tend to seek for attention. Mahathir asked for a

demonstration from Zaid (former Federal Minister Zaid Ibrahim).

"For me, this is nothing," he said.

Zaid has proposed that a gathering be held on March 27 to call for Najib's resignation.

The ex-Umno lawmaker said in his blog recently that the current situation cannot be allowed to prolong and urged Malaysians to rally behind Dr Mahathir.

Meanwhile, Nazri said a village library could change the lives of people as it encouraged them to read.

He said reading was especially important among the youngsters as it would make them more knowledgeable, and continue to become successful in their studies and later in work.

Kampung Batu Putih has more

than 4,000 villagers and over 90 per cent of them have registered to become members of the library.

Nazri said that he was happy that villagers were utilizing the facility provided by the government.

Up to 2015, there were 1,124 village libraries in the country and 125 were in Sabah. Two are located in Sandakan, including Kampung Batu Putih and Kampung Gum Gum.

In support of the village library here, Nazri has announced an allocation of RM35,000 for its maintenance.

Also present during his visit were director general of the National Library, Nafisah Ahmad and Assistant Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Kamarlin Ombi.