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MALAY UNITY THE MAINSTAY OF NATIONAL UNITY, SAYS MUHYIDDIN

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- The issue of Malay unity must be discussed first because it is the mainstay of national unity, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today.

He said any discussion on national unity must start with discussion on Malay unity.

"So, any effort to strengthen national unity must start with efforts to strengthen Malay unity," he told reporters after attending an Aidilfitri open house, here.

He was commenting on Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement yesterday that Umno did not reject the proposal to discuss national unity in its proposed meeting with PAS but felt that the talks should first centre on Malay unity.

Muhyiddin said the proposal to discuss Malay unity first was not contrary to PAS' objective to discuss unity except that the approach was different.

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