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Ketari-Muhyiddin

DON'T FALL PREY TO EXTREMISTS, CHINESE VOTERS TOLD

MUAR, March 24 (Bernama) -- Chinese voters in Ketari should not fall prey to extremist groups which might be campaigning for the DAP, said Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today.

He said these groups might exploited several issues such as the allegation that the government wanted to close down the Chinese schools.

They might also use declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to frighten the Chinese voters into supporting the opposition, he told reporters here after the delegates conference of the Pagoh Umno division at the Pagoh sports complex here.

Muhyiddin, who is Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs, said the government had repeated made it clear that it had no intention to shut down Chinese schools.

He said MCA and Gerakan leaders would explain these issues if the DAP used them to fish for votes.

Meanwhile, Umno vice-president UMNO Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib, who officiated the delegates conference, said PAS leaders made various statements on purpose to divert people's attention on the problem facing the party.

"We see PAS leaders of being some sort super active, talk alot, probably because they have internal problems," he said when asked about criticisms from PAS leaders including Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat against the Radio and Television Malaysia (RTM) for its video clip on the Memali incident.

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