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LEADERSHIP TRANSITION WILL BE ORDERLY, SAYS MUHYIDDIN

KOTA KINABALU, June 29 (Bernama) -- Talk that the country will face a political and economic turmoil following a change of guard in the government in October is a deliberate attempt by certain groups to erode the people's confidence in the government, an Umno vice-president said today.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the assumptions are being made by certain people who do not support the government and were insensitive to the reality that the people had full trust and confidence with the country's leadership.

"History has shown that the country's administration has never been affected, even slightly, due to the change in leadership.

"In fact, it has enhanced government administration to safeguard the people's welfare from the Tunku Abdul Rahman era till the time of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"What has happen is that the country has progressed by leaps and bounds," he told reporters when asked to comment on the assurance by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi yesterday that the leadership transition in October would be smooth and orderly as all quarters had expressed their full support to the new leadership.

Earlier, Muhyiddin, who is also Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, opened the state-level price monitoring volunteers' convention.

On his meeting with Umno divisions in Sabah, Muhyiddin said he conveyed the message to division leaders and members to strengthen the party.

"I told them that this is the right time to strengthen the party, avoid internal bickerings and focus attention on the imminent state election.

"I also touched on the need to increase party activities at the grassroots level to turn Umno into a truly people-friendly party.

"The leaders should also solve the issues over delays in projects which have been promised to the people," he added.

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