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MUHYIDDIN CONFIDENT NEW ELECTION SYSTEM CAN TACKLE MONEY POLITICS

PERMAISURI, May 27 (Bernama) -- The proposed new election system for Umno will be able to resolve many problems, including money politics, which is said to be happening in the party, Umno Vice-President Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

He said under the proposal, elections of top party posts done at the divisional level, would involve more members compared the system now where the 3,000 odd delegates to the party's general assembly chose candidates.

He believed that if the system was introduced, those contesting would not be able to use money to gain votes as far too many people were involved in the process.

"Having the elections at divisional level will help eradicate money politics," he told reporters after opening the Umno Setiu delegates meeting here today.

He was asked to comment on former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's concern that corruption was beginning to become an open culture in the country, including in political parties.

However, Muhyiddin, who is also the Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister, said he was in the process of getting feedback on the matter from leaders and members.

It would then be brought up to the party's management before being submitted in the form of a draft to the Supreme Council, he said.

"This is a major change and will take time to prepare. It also involves amendments to the party's constitution.

"I don't think it can be implemented next year, but if the Supreme Council asks me to expedite it, I will," he said.

Besides the new elections system, Muhyiddin said studies were also being made to amend several other aspects of the party, including the Disciplinary Board.

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