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Muhyiddin: Stop making wild guesses

LUMUT, Thurs. - Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today called on party leaders to refrain from making public declarations on the position of elected representatives in the next general election.

He said party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would be in a better position to evaluate the performances of incumbent assemblymen and MPs.

"It is disrespectful to ask a person to retire when his term is not over. Any guessing game as to who will or will not contest is not good," he said after attending the opening of the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry's enforcement branch office at the Federal building complex in Seri Manjung near here.

Muhyiddin, who is Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, said this in response to statements by Umno leaders following the possibility of a reshuffle in State leaderships.

He said statements of that nature would confuse the people although the media was "having a field day" reporting such stories.