

DPM wants stern action against Hindraf's rally
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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin wants firm police action against a group calling itself Hindraf which is reported to be trying to hold a mass rally this Sunday.

He said that Hindraf (the Hindu Rights Action Force) had been banned and using or championing its name was in itself an offence.

"They (organisers) know that they would need permission from the police (for such a rally)," he told reporters in Changlun.

Muhyiddin said it was up to police to "shape" the action to be taken, but they have to be firm against such activity as a rally by a banned organisation.

"If they act outside the law and disregard regulations, holding rallies and the like ... stern action should be taken," Muhyiddin said.

He added that any attempt to revive a banned organisation must be viewed seriously.

In Kuala Lumpur, police said the planned gathering did not have a permit.

Kuala Lumpur police in statement said an application for the permit filed at the Dang Wangi police station was turned down on security grounds.

The gathering could affect public order and cause traffic congestion, the statement said, adding that the organisers had been notified the the planned assembly was not approved.

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