

**Manifesto war: Pakatan copied BN, says Muhyiddin**  
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It was Pakatan Rakyat that copied BN's ideas when drafting its manifesto, Muhyiddin Yassin has countered in a tit-for-tat response on similarities between the two documents.

Rebutting Pakatan allegations of plagiarism, the deputy BN head pointed to elements allegedly copied from BN's policies and ideas, such as pledges to reduce toll charges and car prices.

The reduction of car prices will be fully implemented under an Asean Free Trade Area agreement, he said, and this would have been achieved "even without any proposal from anyone" once import duties are abolished.

At a press conference in Gombak today, Muhyiddin said a large part of Pakatan's manifesto has already been implemented by BN.

Although the BN has been criticised as being "populist" for having handed out pre-election sweeteners, Muhyiddin defended this, saying that the financial aspects have been duly considered.

He also said that implementing the BN manifesto will not increase government debt.