

Muhyiddin fears trend of racial polarisation

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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has raised concern that racial polarisation has turned the government's well-meaning efforts into racial issues.

An example of this, he said, is how the Education Development Master Plan (PIPP) 2013-2025 had been rejected by Chinese education group Dong Zong, despite its "good intentions".

"I was informed that the Dong Zong gathering yesterday issued a resolution to stop what we are doing in PIPP, formed to develop the education sector.

"It was designed with good intentions, however, it is seen as racist... 13 years (execution of PIPP) is seen as an effort to abolish their mother tongue," he was quoted by Bernama as saying.

He was also quoted by the New Straits Times as saying that another example of racial polarisation was the demand by non-Muslims to use the word 'Allah'.

He reportedly told a breaking of fast event in Ipoh yesterday that Muslims "must be united" to face these challenge or "face problems in the future".

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