

Another 'May 13' not impossible, says Muhyiddin
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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin has said another racial riot similar to "that incident" is not impossible, amid the rising racial tension today, apparently alluding to May 13, 1969.

An Utusan Malaysia report today quoted Muhyiddin as saying that racial conflict appears to have become a norm as one race criticises another.

"Because of this, all kinds of assumptions arise, when race relations have reached a level that can trigger tensions and poor relations.

"This can cause that event (and I do not want to mention the date)," Muhyiddin is quoted as saying by the Umno-owned daily.

While the DPM did not mention the date, Utusan's headline screamed out the date that the entire generation of older Malaysians have grown up fearing.

As such, Muhyiddin said, the country needed to return to its Merdeka roots, where society was united and could work out its differences and misunderstandings.

"As deputy prime minister, every night before sleep I think about how to manage the country.

"People send me text messages - what is going to happen to the Malays? Why is Islam insulted and other similar matters.

"Why things like this happen, it worries us. We need to return to the right path," Muhyiddin is quoted as saying during the breaking of fast at a mosque in the Bukit Serampang state constituency, in his parlimanetary constituency of Pagoh in Johor.

The DPM said Muslims should use religion as their base and strength as well as their culture and customs.

He also warned that people should filter out "inaccurate information" on the Internet.