

NGO: Will Muhyiddin be Malay or Malaysian PM?
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A pro-opposition NGO is sceptical of whether Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) pro-tem president Muhyiddin Yassin is the right person for the prime minister's post.

Based on his previous statements, Malaysian Indians Progressive Association (Mipas) noted that the former deputy prime minister portrayed himself as an ultra-Malay.

Mipas secretary-general S Barathidasan said the most glaring example was Muhyiddin's "Malay first, Malaysian second" statement in 2010.

"So, if he becomes prime minister, will he be a PM for Malays or for all Malaysians?" Barathidasan (*photo*) asked.

"We have had enough leaders dividing us. We need a leader who can bring all the races together," he added.

The NGO leader also recalled how Muhyiddin, as education minister, handled the 2011 controversy surrounding the Interlok novel, which was to be used by Form Five students.

Barathidasan said Mipas believes if there is a politician who is qualified to assume the post of prime minister and institute reforms in the nation, it would be none other than jailed former opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim.

"Anwar has proven that he is capable of bringing the various races together. He is also committed to making important changes to the system," he added.

Barathidasan said this in reference to Bersatu pro-tem chairperson Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who said [**Muhyiddin would helm the nation**](#) if the opposition wins the next general election.

However, Mahathir said, it would depend on whether the opposition parties agreed to this.