

Muhyiddin ticks off MCA for reviving 'Allah' issue
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Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said the issue on the use of the term 'Allah' should not be revived as the matter was still being pursued in court.

muhyiddin yassin pc 170310He said the matter should be resolved amicably and any opinion on it should take into consideration the interest of the general public rather than that of a particular group, whether in terms of politics or administration.

He said component parties of the BN should also accept the fact that the issue should not become a burden that could cause tension when the matter had already cooled off.

"Attention should be given to such considerations. I don't understand why the DAP and MCA are taking a common stand on such matters.

"We know that this matter had previously been strongly debated and had created a unhealthy situation," he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on the Development of Youths in Putrajaya today.

He was commenting on a news portal report (Malaysiakini) yesterday that both DAP and MCA called for the ban on the use of 'Allah' in Christian publications to be rescinded.

Reaction from MCA

malaysiakini interview loh seng kok 061108 01Loh Seng Kok, who is the MCA publicity bureau chief and the party's central committee member, said in a statement that forbidding 'Allah' from being used in non-Muslims' publications had turned the matter into a divisive national issue, one that might become an Achilles' Heel for the BN.

"MCA was echoing and welcoming the positive remarks by the home minister himself as Hishamuddin's remarks clearly indicated that he was concerned and cared for the constitutional rights of all Malaysians including minority groups," he said.

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