

Yes, Anwar's sodomy trial bad for country's image, says DPM
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KUALA LUMPUR -The on-going sodomy trial of Anwar Ibrahim is bad for the country's image. This was stated by tycoon Sir Richard Branson on Monday and now Muhyiddin Yassin on Tuesday said it, too.

The Deputy Prime Minister told a press conference here that Malaysia will be better off without high-profile cases such as the on-going sodomy trial.

"If you ask me, personally, would you like this case to be in the Malaysian court? I wouldn't like this case to be in the Malaysian court," said Muhyiddin after delivering Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's keynote address at the International Herald Tribune Forum on alternative investment in Asia here.

"The sooner this matter is resolved, the better for us," he told reporters.

On Monday, Virgin Group founder Branson had remarked that Anwar's ongoing trial was "a thorn" in Malaysia's otherwise good reputation, and urged the Prime Minister to intervene in the matter.

"If you're a bold leader, you should get rid of things like this which are damaging your reputation," Branson said.

Muhyiddin stressed that Anwar's trial was not brought by any parties but an individual who felt he had the right to be protected by whatever law in the country.

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