

Reject Sweet Promises Of "Devils" And "Demons"
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KUCHING -- The people of Sarawak should reject the "devils" and "demons" who will come to make sweet promises which are actually lies and untrue, said Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the Sarawak state election on April 16 would be the best opportunity for the people of Sarawak to do so.

Muhyiddin said some of the "devils" and "demons" would come from the peninsula while others were already in the state.

"Their struggles are only for the benefit of their cliques...not for all the people. This (state election) is a crucial moment for the people of Sarawak in determining that their future is secured," he said at a Gathering With the People along the Sungai Sarawak river bank at Kampung Boyan-Gersik, here today.

Muhyiddin said the Barisan Nasional (BN) had never lied to the people and hoped that the 'rakyat' or people would continue to give their support when the time came so that the welfare of the Sarawak people would continue to be looked after.

He said when it was time for the election, certain considerations should be taken into account in choosing the party that could be trusted to represent the people of Sarawak.

"We should be grateful that our country is peaceful, stable and progressive.

"The main consideration that should be taken into consideration (in an election) is to ensure political stability, strong economic growth, fair and equal distribution of wealth in the country and state and an excellent future for the younger generation," he said.

Muhyiddin said all this had been carried out by the BN, and Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak had launched numerous transformation programmes.

"We don't want Sarawak, which is a big state with a large population to be left out of the mainstream of development. We don't want Sarawak to be excluded from the massive transformation at the national level."

"I want to invite the people of Sarawak to work together in helping the BN to retain political power...if possible, much bigger than in the last election," he said.

Earlier, Muhyiddin, who arrived at Kampung Boyan-Gersik in a sampan at 2.30pm, began the visit to the village by painting a section of the Kampung Gersik temporary surau which was being renovated.

Muhyiddin, who was accompanied by Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Alfred Jabu, later visited premises that are being used to bake the Sarawak layered cake (kek lapis), the most notable industry in the village.

The Deputy Prime Minister later called on disabled Awang Ahmad Awang Bakri, 64, in

Kampung Gersik, who suffered a leg deformity since birth, followed by a visit to the house of a senior citizen, Dayang Jamilah Abang Lias, 86, who lives with a retarded son.

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