

Guan Eng's Remarks Not Based On Reality Says DPM
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IPOH -- DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng's remarks that Malaysia practised Nazi doctrines is not based on reality and is laced with political motives, said Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the policies of the Barisan Nasional (BN) administration in the country were founded on the principles of democracy, were pro-business and flexible to suit the times.

"The government does not resort to an iron fist policy or dictatorship, we practise democracy and that is why our policies are based on national principles that consider the needs of all Malaysians irrespective of race or background," he told reporters after closing the 2011 Malaysian Unit Trsut Week at the Inderal Mulia Stadium here on Tuesday.

He said this in commenting on the rebuke by the Minda Intelek Melayu (M.i.M) blog against Lim who is alleged to have remarked that country was adopting Hitler's supremacist policies.

The blog claimed that the Penang Chief Minister uttered the remarks when making an Easter address on Sunday.

Muhyiddin said a classic example of the farsightedness of the government was the development of Penang which now was a major metropolis and was made possible because of federal-state cooperation when the BN was in control of both governments.

"Not only Penang, there was all round development. I don't think what he (Lim) said is fair," he said, adding that the proper yardstick to judge the BN was per capita income which had risen to a level where the vast majority of Malaysians were having a good life.

"Malaysia's achievements have been acknowledged by the international community, by the World Bank. So I don't understand what Guan Eng is talking about," said Muhyiddin

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