

Political Stability Attracts Foreign Investors To Malaysia, Says Muhyiddin
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SURABAYA -- Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said Malaysia's political stability has been the main attraction for foreigners to invest in the country since independence.

"Although Malaysia has been independent for 54 years, we continue to ensure that political stability remains the main draw for foreign investors to come to our shores.

"At the same time, race relations and mutual respect, based on what have been outlined in the Rukun Negara (the national principles) should also be managed well to avoid any racial riot like what happened on May 13, 1969," he said at a meeting with more than 20 senior editors of the Indonesian media giant, Kumpulan Jawa Pos, here on Friday.

Clarifying on last Saturday's illegal rally in Kuala Lumpur, Muhyiddin said the police did not act brutally as alleged by certain quarters when ordering the demonstrators to disperse.

He said the action of holding the street demonstration gave a picture that there was no democracy in Malaysia, despite it been practised in the country since more than half a century ago through parliamentary democracy and the constitutional monarchy system.

"Umno and Barisan Nasional also want an election that is clean and fair. That is why anybody can be a candidate, whether the person is a fishmonger, trader, or even an individual who does not belong to any party," he added.

The Malaysian government, he said, had never prevented its people from gathering to voice their demands.

"We realise that for Malaysia to progress, there is a need for universal values and human rights. However, if in a gathering there is political influence which can create an unsafe situation, the authorities should take the necessary action," he added.

He said the best way for the group concerned to resolve issues was through negotiations with the Election Commission.

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