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Muhyiddin: Stop spreading slander

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SEREMBAN: He is diplomatic and open to ideas but Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin warned that it would be a mistake to cross the Prime Minister;

The Umno vice-president noted that some people had taken advantage of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's good nature by spreading slander and causing trouble.

"They should not be taking advantage of this by raising baseless claims, issues or by causing problems that can burden the Government," he said after chairing the National Feedlot Centre steering committee here yesterday.

In Kuantan on Thursday, the Prime Minister said that he had little time for those who spread rumours and indulged in slander, and even had less tolerance for the "devils" who whisper evil thoughts into the ears of people.

Muhyiddin, who is Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister, said the Prime Minister's caution must be

taken seriously.

Asked if the attacks on Abdullah's leadership could weaken Umno, Muhyiddin said the situation was nothing new to Umno.

"We have gone through this before but I am confident we will be able to weather this storm again... it is, after all, part of politics."

Muhyiddin said Government and Umno leaders were willing to go to the ground if there were still parties dissatisfied with Abdullah's explanations.

Meanwhile, in Kota Baru, the Higher Education Ministry has taken steps to stop the spread of disinformation in universities about the Abdullah administration.

Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said: "What is important is that we counter these allegations with facts and proof so that lecturers and students would not be easily swayed by the lies being spread about the Government."

He was speaking after landing out certificates to Puteri Islam members at SK Kubang Batang in Wakaf Baru here yesterday.



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