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Muhyiddin at the meeting with representatives of trade and industry associations yesterday.
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Don't place unnecessary restrictions on businesses, traders: PM

MUAR: Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has called on local authorities and government agencies not to set unnecessary restrictions and obstacles for businesses which have been allowed to restart operations.

"We must facilitate them. If they do not have licences, ease their applications and expedite the approval process for them," said the Pagoh MP.

"There should be a different approach carried out so that the efforts by the government to regenerate the economy are successfully implemented.

"If before this, traders and operators have to refer to the district council, local authorities or chambers of commerce, local authorities and government agencies now need to meet traders to get to know their problems.

"This is part of the new normal which government bodies must get used to as the way we work," he said in a statement.

The move should be aimed at assisting businesses affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, he said.

The prime minister stressed that Malaysia should not lag behind other countries in rehabilitating the economy, especially as it is recognised among the best

countries in containing the spread of Covid-19.

At a closed-door session, the premier held a dialogue with 37 representatives of trade and industry associations from the Muar district at the Muar District Office.

Representatives of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, Finance Ministry, Health Ministry, among others, were also present.
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