

PM all for racial harmony

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Extremism will not be tolerated, says Muhyiddin

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PUTRAJAYA: Stern action will be taken against any party that spreads extremism and threatens racial harmony, national safety and public peace, says Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Prime Minister said as a multi-religious and multiracial nation, moderation should be practised to maintain national harmony.

"In our effort to defend and preserve the sanctity of Islam and akidah of Muslims in the country, we must not resort to extreme means that could cause distress

among the people in the country.

"Malaysia must always prioritise moderation and harmony in racial and religious relationships," he said at a meeting of Islamic NGOs here yesterday.

He added that he welcomed views from Islamic NGO leaders and shared the same stand as them on strengthening institutions that contribute to the development of the ummah.

Islamic NGO leaders met him and voiced their concerns over challenges faced by Muslims in the country and globally.

"Among them are new developments in the thinking and lifestyles

that were seen as a threat to akidah and morals of Muslims.

"This includes the influence of Western liberalism and secularism which sees religion as unimportant and glorifies unlimited individual's rights to the point it infringed Islamic belief.

"Such ideology has spurred various movements internationally, including in Malaysia, where they are pushing for the implementation and enforcement of Islamic laws to be re-evaluated," he said.

Muhyiddin said he was aware that such developments had caused distress among Muslims.

"This has also caused many

Islamic NGO leaders to rise and defend Islam's status as the federation's official religion," he said.

Under his leadership, Muhyiddin said the Perikatan Nasional government would be more sensitive and responsive towards Islamic NGOs.

"I believe the platform created whether through Yadim (Yayasan Dakwah Islamiah Malaysia) or directly with the government will be used fully," he said.

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