

# PM: We can help each other

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## Better if state govt in sync with Federal, says Muhyiddin

**KOTA KINABALU:** A state government that is helmed in parallel with the Federal Government can help solve many problems in Sabah, says Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said it is not because the Federal Government's coffers is much larger than the state's, but if there is alignment between both federal and state administrations, additional resources can be channelled to the state to help improve infrastructure for the people.

"It is interesting to have an election under the new normal during a pandemic as voters are reminded that they need to vote in a capable government which can manage matters seriously," he said in his speech at the Perikatan Nasional mega ceramah in Putatan near here last night.

He said while the government has successfully managed the Covid-19 crisis, there are other matters on the ground that need to be looked into as well, such as education, roads, increased cost of living and security.

Muhyiddin said among his plans is to study the factors leading to the rising cost of living in Sabah.

"One of the ways we can address this issue is by producing more foodstuff.

"We have lots of land and bodies of water to do so. And when there is a surplus, we can export to other countries," he said.

He also said he has instructed Domestic



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Trade and Consumerism Minister Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi to find out why the cost of living is so high in Sabah and Sarawak.

"Could it be because of the cabotage policy, transportation or unscrupulous businesses increasing prices? The Federal Government will look into this to find the answer to bring down the cost of living," he added.

He said Sabah will also need additional resources to improve its road and telecommunications infrastructure and repair dilapidated schools.

Muhyiddin also touched on increased



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efforts to protect Sabah's borders from foreign threats.

"We cannot allow intruders to penetrate our borders and threaten our security. Do not allow them to land here. We need to catch them and send them home," he said.

In his speech, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong called on Parti Warisan Sabah president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal not to have hate or anger towards Malaysians from the peninsula when he himself is "connected" to the peninsula.

He said Shafie was always "scolding" leaders from the peninsula, but his wife is from there.

"We are here to work together and help Sabah leaders and its people. The Prime Minister is not here to become Sabah's chief minister," he said.

Dr Wee said there is no issue of leaders from across the South China Sea choosing the future of Sabah because those who are leading the state are genuine Sabahans.

"So this means Sabahans themselves are the ones to steer the future of this state," he said.