

Information Ministry Intensifies 1Malaysia Patriotic Programme
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KOTA BAHARU, Dec 29 (Bernama) -- The move by the Ministry of Information, Communications and Culture to widen the 1Malaysia Patriotic Programme is not to seize the rights or restrict the culture of the other races but to strengthen solidarity under the 1Malaysia concept, said its deputy minister, Datuk Maglin Dennis D'Cruz.

He said the government's move was good in uniting all the races and not like the struggles of the opposition pact that tried to divide the various races in the country.

"The concept of the struggle propagated by the leaders of the opposition pact including Pakatan Rakyat advisor (Datuk Seri) Anwar Ibrahim is more towards dividing the races, instead of uniting the multi-racial community in the country," he told reporters here Wednesday night.

Thus, he said, the government through the ministry would intensify efforts to strengthen solidarity by implementing programmes based on patriotic sentiments throughout the country.

"For example, we introduce the programme 'Bintang Patriotik 1Malaysia' at the Kuala Krai parliamentary constituency. This is also in line with the aspiration of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak through the 1Malaysia concept, based on the principle People First, Performance Now," he said.

Meanwhile on another development, D'Cruz, who is also the People's Progressive Party (PPP) vice-president, said the PPP had submitted the list of its candidates for the 13th general election to the Barisan Nasional (BN) leadership.

He said the list of 12 candidates for the parliamentary and state constituencies, who were believed to be winnable candidates, had been submitted for consideration by the BN top leadership.

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