

**Muhyiddin: Unity vital for country's growth**  
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**SHAH ALAM:** The current political climate in the country should not affect unity among Muslims, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin last night.

He said such unity was crucial for the country's growth and development.

"The government will continue to put in effort to strengthen that spirit so that our country will continue to prosper and live in peace," he said during a breaking of fast function organised by Glomac Berhad.

He said the government was also looking to further improve the lives of Malaysians nationwide.

He said there were still an estimated one billion people worldwide living in extreme poverty, with earnings as low as US\$1 (RM3) a day despite a United Nations Declaration aimed at eradicating hardcore poverty in four years.

"But here we count our blessings because we can count the number of hardcore poor with fingers. We have their details and there are focus groups attending to them."

He later distributed goodies and clothes to 30 orphans between the ages of 6 to 12 from Rumah Alam here.

He was accompanied by his wife, Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman.

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