

## **Muhyiddin: Umno has better system**

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Party shows absolute power in its handling of the Hasan Ali debacle

PUTRAJAYA: Umno is more courteous when dealing with members who may have gone against its principles, the party's deputy president said.

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also deputy prime minister, said the party had an Islam-based democratic system, which allowed members to defend themselves before the party decides whether to take disciplinary action or sack the individual. The party, he said, would issue a show cause letter and set a specific period to give an explanation, especially when it involved a leader or the case was a serious one.

"This has been practised in Umno for ages. Pas has their own system, one of absolute power hence they did what they did to (Datuk Dr) Hasan Ali," he said.

Hasan, the former Selangor Pas commissioner, was sacked last week due to actions which were deemed detrimental to the party.

Muhyiddin was speaking to reporters after delivering a special address to the Education Ministry staff, here, yesterday.

On the possibility of the beleaguered politician joining Umno, Muhyiddin said the party had its doors open to everyone, especially those who were interested to fight for the party and champion Islam as Umno provided the best platform. He said the final decision, however, lay with the individual.

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