

Barisan can retain Perak, says DPM
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IPOH: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is confident of the Barisan Nasional retaining Perak in the coming general election as the various government transformation programmes have endeared the people to the party.

He said people who were against the party in the 2008 general election have started to return to the BN fold and this was a good sign.

He, however, advised BN leaders in the state not to be complacent because of this development, adding that they should work harder to continue to win the people over.

"The coming general election is very critical and we have to double our efforts to win the hearts of more people.

"More importantly, we must go all out to explain to the people and counter the attacks against us by the opposition or the people will be confused," he said after meeting state BN and Umno leaders during his day-long visit here yesterday.

He said compared with 2008, BN stood a good chance of winning the state now because of its sincerity in serving the people.

"I also stressed to the leaders here that we must win back whatever seats we lost with a small majority."

Muhyiddin, who is also BN deputy chairman, said it was important for leaders to continue engaging with the Chinese community to gain their support in the coming elections.

"It is very wrong to think that it is hopeless to reach out to them. We need the support of everybody. The Chinese, the Malays and Indians."

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