

'Growing support for BN'
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People in Selangor can see how the Federal Govt is helping them

The people's support for the Barisan Nasional in Selangor is on the rise, compared with the situation in 2008, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said this could be due to several factors, including the BN government's continuous efforts to help the people and the prime minister's attempts to touch base with the people via his walkabout programmes.

"Some said the aid given under the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) scheme is because of the upcoming general election. But, the idea (for this scheme) is from the rakyat's feedback on how the government can assist the low-income earners.

"It is not from us."

He said the government had done many things to ease the people's burden, including increasing subsidies to control the price of certain essential goods such as petrol, cooking oil and sugar.

"I don't know what more we should do for the people to be grateful. I don't ask for much but for their continued support for the BN," he said after meeting with more than 2,000 teachers, Parent-Teacher Association representatives and board members of national-type Chinese primary schools in Selangor at the Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Polytechnic yesterday.

The DPM had a day-long programme meeting various groups in Selangor.

He said based on reports, the Pakatan Rakyat-led government had not been sensitive to the people's problems, citing the proposal to tear down the Yayasan Selangor hostels in Kampung Pandan as an example.

"Not many states can do what Yayasan Selangor has done to boost the people's education by building hostels and setting up universities."

He said he was saddened by the state government's move to liquidate Yayasan Selangor's assets which led to the decision to demolish the two hostels. As a result, the students at the hostels would have to be relocated.

"As the education minister, I have not been informed about this matter. It is irresponsible of them to do this."

Muhyiddin, who had earlier held a closed-door meeting with state Umno and BN leaders, said he was satisfied with the state's election machinery for the general election.

On another matter, the deputy Umno president said Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's intention to contest the general election showed that the Kelantan

menteri besar was indispensable to the opposition pact.

"There is no replacement for Nik Aziz for whatever reason only God knows. Pas does not have many tokoh, only Nik Aziz alone."

He said it was Nik Aziz's prerogative to contest in the election.

Later, he visited a night market in Taman Medan, and spent an hour talking to the stall owners.

He was accompanied by Selangor MCA chairman Datuk Donald Lim Siang Chai and Petaling Jaya Selatan Umno division chief Datuk Hanipuddin Raja Nong Chik.

He presented five wheelchairs to disabled people.

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