

'BN serious about polls reform'
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ALOR STAR: The people can discern if the opposition is serious or playing politics to achieve electoral reforms, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday.

He said the opposition walking out from Dewan Rakyat when the Parliamentary Select Committee on Electoral Reforms report was tabled proved it was not sincere.

"They asked for reforms and we agreed to it. We even offered and agreed with more changes.

"On Tuesday, they decided that was not enough and wanted to include a minority report in the final report."

Muhyiddin said the final report had been agreed on by opposition representatives in the committee and they had never objected to issues raised during their meetings.

"Now, they are showing their true colours by refusing to accept the final report. They even staged a walkout when it was tabled," he said in Gurun, near here.

He said in the history of Parliament, a minority report had never been tabled in a final report that was to be tabled.

He was commenting on opposition representatives who walked out when the report was tabled on Tuesday. The recommendations were passed without debate.

"It is up to the people to decide who is serious and sincere about electoral reforms. Is it the Barisan Nasional government or the opposition?"

He was here to open Malaysian NPK Fertilizer, a joint venture between the National Farmers Organisation (Nafas) and Petronas Chemical Fertilizer (Kedah).

Present were Agriculture and Agro-based Industries Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar and Nafas chairman Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman.

On the Bersih 3.0 sit-in protest on April 28, Muhyiddin said he was confident the people could detect the organisers' true intentions.

"We have laws and regulations. "Anyway, the organisers will never stop at it. There will be Bersih 4, 5 and 6."

Earlier, Muhyiddin, when meeting some 300 taxi drivers and petty traders in Taman Ria Jaya in Sungai Petani, said the BN government was serious in helping the people to boost their livelihood.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak would soon announce some good news for the people, including 40,000 taxi drivers.

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