

Muhyiddin says he's worried for Kedahans
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GURUN: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin says he is worried for Kedahans and the state's future if they continue to support a trouble-ridden PAS-led state government.

He said he was afraid that new investors might reconsider taking their business to other states if development in Kedah was slow.

"Decisions that used to be made by the Kedah state executive council and Mentri Besar are now referred to a PAS Steering Committee at federal level.

"This will delay the process of decision-making and affect the state's administration.

"It will also jeopardise the development process in the state, if the Steering Committee, which comprises of those mostly from outside Kedah, drag their feet and take six months or a year to make a decision," he said after opening the NPK Fertilizer Sdn Bhd factory here on Thursday.

Muhyiddin said as a former MB in Johor for 10 years, he knew how important it was for an MB to make fast decisions.

He said Kedah MB Datuk Seri Azizan Abdul Razak was powerless and might find it difficult to run the state under such circumstances.

He said it was also difficult to have two state exco leaders continuing to sit on the exco, when they did not support the Mentri Besar.

He said Pakatan Rakyat in Kedah under the PAS leadership did not care about the people's interest but of its own political leaders.

"This is the reality and the situation is critical.

"Not only in Kedah, at national level too, PAS claims to be an Islamic party, but it practices many unnatural decrees (fatwa songsang) and it works in cahoots with a party, whose leader's moral and ethical values are in question," he said.

Earlier, he presented cheques for dividends worth RM265,000 to 13 State Farmers Association nationwide on behalf of investors of the Farmers Special Investment Scheme.

He also gave out RM22,400 to 112 Kedah farmers under the 1Malaysia Azam Tani Aid scheme.

NPK Fertilizer Sdn Bhd, which has been in operations since 2004, was a joint venture company between Pertubuhan Peladang Kebangsaan (Nafas) and Petronas Chemical Fertilizer (Kedah) Sdn Bhd, where Nafas and Petronas hold a 80% and 20% stake respectively.

The RM70mil factory, which produces compound fertilisers for the country's padi industry, had produced 1.4million tonnes of fertiliser to date.

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