

**Muhyiddin: Set aside differences to face 'do-or-die' battle**  
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SEREMBAN: Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin questioned the need for a *caveat* that Barisan Nasional members should work out their internal differences first before they can gain a landslide victory in the general election.

"I am told that there is a *caveat* – that we will only be able to win a particular seat if the (problematic) division members are united. Why aren't we able to put aside our differences once and for all for the sake of our party?" he said in his speech to state Barisan leaders during his one-day working visit to Negri Sembilan yesterday.

The Barisan Nasional deputy chairman said the fact that the coming polls would be a "do-or-die" battle for the coalition was already a strong enough reason for all party members to stop their bickering.

"I have been to several states and I have witnessed the disunity of some divisions.

"Are you trying to tell me that we will need a third party to settle their differences?"

"Even then, what guarantee is there that they will not be at loggerheads again?" he added.

At a separate function in Kuala Pilah, Muhyiddin, who is Education Minister, said all stakeholders should participate in dialogues on the new National Education Policy which will be held next month.

Muhyiddin said the stakeholders, including parents, could provide input ranging from the importance of English in schools, the need to improvise the curriculum in teacher training institutes and ways to encourage more students to take up Science and Technology.

"We are going to produce a policy that will be in place for the next 10 – 20 years.

"Since the policy will cover the pre-school to university level education, it is my hope that the stakeholders will help us produce a document which will be acceptable to all," he said during a visit to the Sek Men Rendah Agama Johol near here.

Muhyiddin said he hoped to table the findings before the end of this year.

Asked about the decision to abolish the Public Service New Remuneration Scheme (SBPA), Muhyiddin said what was important was that the Government had corrected the scheme's shortcomings.

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