

**BN Fortress Perlis Must Be Defended - Muhyiddin  
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KANGAR, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants Perlis to become the Barisan Nasional (BN) fortress which should be defended by strengthening the fighting spirit of BN leaders.

He said every problem among BN leaders at state-level was now regarded as settled, adding that focus should be given to doubling their efforts to defend Perlis.

"We will be united in our stand and will campaign in all areas," he said when speaking at a meet-the-people ceremony at the Dewan 2020 here today.

Muhyiddin also urged BN component parties to strengthen the people's confidence in the government's efforts at both state and federal levels.

"Despite a dampened economic scenario, Malaysia is among the nations at the forefront in economic development with large investments and employment rates due to the wisdom of the BN leadership," he noted.

He said all levels should understand BN policies and initiatives to ensure the people's welfare through the government transformation programmes.

"The initiative is serious. When one mentions economic transformation, the prime minister wants to ensure that with the advent of 2020, Malaysia will become a developed nation and the people have high incomes...in my 40 years in politics, this is an extraordinary effort by a prime minister," added the deputy prime minister.

Muhyiddin said the people should not be duped by the defamation and lies of the opposition which often criticised the government's efforts, whereas they did nothing in Selangor, Kedah and Penang.

"Opposition-ruled states do not have transformation, nothing is done. When BN speaks about transformation, numerous giant projects are launched to ensure the people are looked after," he said.

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