

**Muhyiddin Confident Sabah Will Remain As 'Fixed Deposit' For BN
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SEMPORNA, Jan 17 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said support for the Barisan Nasional (BN) from the people of Sabah is solid.

In this context he said the BN was confident it could rely on the state to be the "fixed deposit" for the coalition.

"We are not being arrogant... based on feedback, including from the Chief Minister and other BN leaders, the support for BN in Sabah is good.

"Nevertheless, the BN will not stop at that, because our responsibility is to uplift the people's livelihood, and the 1Malaysia People's Assistance (BR1M) is just the beginning of many more," he told reporters after attending a special meeting with civil servants at the community hall here today.

He was asked to comment on the present political situation in Sabah, considered as a BN stronghold.

On the existence of new political parties including in Sabah, he said, the democratic system practised in the country allowed anyone to set up their own party as long as they fulfilled the conditions.

"We are not worried as we have gone through such process many times but thankfully the people are still behind BN and Umno," he said.

On speculations by certain quarters of numerous probabilities which they said might occur ahead of the general election, he said BN was not perturbed by it because "we are more focused on our struggle for the people's well-being".

Earlier in his speech, Muhyiddin who is also Education Minister said the ministry would study the suggestion to increase the allowance for teachers serving in the interior areas of Sabah.

"This needs a thorough study as it would involve substantial management costs," he said.

Muhyiddin also said the ministry would continue to build and enhance education infrastructures in Sabah.

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