

**Muhyiddin Wants Police To Tackle The Issue On Public Perception Effectively**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- The Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) need to tackle the issue on public perception of the force, particularly those entrusted with the task of enforcement, effectively, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the police were not exempted from the risk of public perception which could have an adverse or positive impact on relations and cooperation between the community and members of the force.

"It cannot be denied that among the major challenges faced by the RMP currently concerned the public perception towards corruption and violence against detainees by members of the force.

"The government is confident that in line with continuous efforts by the police to strengthen the culture of integrity and improved governance besides creative communication on issues concerning the people at various levels, the issues on perception that have been raised can be tackled effectively," he said at the ceremony to show appreciation to the Royal Malaysia Police at the Kuala Lumpur RMP College in Cheras, today.

Also present were Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Deputy Inspector-General of Police Datuk Seri Khalid Abu Bakar.

Muhyiddin said the government had carried out periodical evaluation on public perception towards the police through the questionnaire "Raising Public Satisfaction on RMP Performance".

The latest survey showed that 55 per cent of the people were satisfied with the performance of the RMP, a positive increase, compared with 35 per cent in 2009 when the questionnaire was first distributed, he said.

He said although there was a decline in the crime index, public perception must be improved further so that they would be confident that whatever the police did had a positive impact in maintaining security.

Between January and June this year, the country's crime index dropped by 9.6 per cent to 8,537 cases while street crime dropped 41.6 per cent to 11,299 cases.

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