

**Shouldering People's Trust Drives BN's Struggle, Says Muhyiddin  
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KUALA KANGSAR, Feb 19 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's (BN) struggle for power is not for the sake of power but rather to shoulder the trust of the people, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said what was important to the BN was to ensure sustainable development for the well-being of the people.

"The political power is not the end of the affair. What matter most to us is to develop the country more effectively unlike the opposition whose aim is to gain political power for the sake of capturing Putrajaya," he said when closing the Perak Umno Convention here Sunday.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno deputy president, said for the people of Perak, there was a lesson to be learned after a bitter experience of living under the opposition's rule for 11 months after the 2008 general election.

Hence, Umno members must embrace its theme "united, loyal and to serve" to ensure that the people would return the mandate to the BN to enable it to maintain a firm grip on the reins of government.

"BN leaders must be aware of a strong challenge posed by the opposition and the 13th general elections will determine the country's political landscape in future," he said.

As the next general election is crucial in determining whether the BN will continue to hold onto power, he said, the BN had to be wary of the opposition's plan to seize power by forming a cohesive force among component parties in the next general election.

"We don't have much time left. If we want to see victory on our side, we must not stop working and contributing to the people," he said, adding that BN component parties must resolve internal problems quickly.

On the convention, he hoped it would give space and opportunities to Umno members to voice their opinions on how the BN and Umno could return to power with a thumping majority.

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