

**Deploy Police More As Peace Officers - Muhyiddin  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today suggested that the Royal Malaysia Police deploy its personnel on duty in such a manner that they are seen by the public as "peace officers" rather than only as "law enforcers".

Launching the police Open Day at Merdeka Square here, he said the force should enable the personnel to endear themselves to the public to foster closer police-people relations.

"I wish to suggest that the police consider the potential of rotating its officers and men in community policing to enable more police personnel to be exposed to a people-friendly environment," he said.

Muhyiddin said a strong bond between the police and people was the basis of a smart partnership that provided for early detection of crime and enforcement of the best strategy to overcome it.

"Crime prevention depends on not only awareness of community crimes but also on the cooperation the local people extend to the police," he said.

Muhyiddin said Malaysians now felt more secure, and this was reflected in the results of a survey by TNS Research International Malaysia which showed that their concern over the crime rate had dropped from 52 per cent in November last year to 48.9 per cent in January this year.

At the event, the deputy prime minister also launched Crime Awareness Day where a pledge was made by 1,000 youths who participated in a 1Malaysia youth cycling programme signifying their desire to help the police fight crime.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Dewan Negara President Tan Sri Abu Zahar Ujang were also present at the event.

Various programmes have been scheduled for the police Open Day, among them exhibitions, street football and a special police performance.

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