

Muhyiddin Calls For Home Ministry To Give A New Edge To Rela
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MUAR, Oct 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today called on the Home Ministry to think of a more practical way to give the People Volunteer Corps (Rela) a new edge in attracting new members.

He said one of the moves that could be taken was by changing the image of the corps from a mere voluntary to a well-trained and professional team.

Besides, he said the ministry should equip the corps with suitable equipment to help achieving the national key result areas especially in reducing crime rates.

"They also have to lure new members from the professional group to join the corps and implement a training programme that meets the international volunteer standard," he said at a Rela gathering in Pagoh here Saturday.

Also present were Muar Rela officer, Hambala Moed and Bukit Serampang assemblyman, Tahir Mohamad Taat.

Muhyiddin said although Rela was introduced to replace the Home Guard, which was abolished in 1973, the main function of the non-governmental organisation was still to defend the sovereignty of the country.

At the function, Muhyiddin also approved an allocation of RM125,000 for Rela platoons in five districts in Pagoh constituency.

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