

Umno Veterans Touched By Muhyiddin's Visit
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 22 (Bernama) -- Several Umno veterans were deeply touched by the visit of Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to their homes in Kampung Pasir Baharu, Puchong near here, Saturday.

Former Umno Youth head for the Damansara branch, Harun Rashid, 84, who had joined Umno since the early days of the party, said this was the first time that a cabinet minister had visited his house.

Harun, who was among the three Umno veterans visited by the Deputy Prime Minister, here today, was deeply touched by the visit to the extent that he was in tears because he had not expected Muhyiddin to be willing to call on him.

The presence of the national leader was not only special for him but also the whole of his family who were still excited even until after the visit, said the Umno veteran who has eight children and 32 grandchildren.

Besides Harun, Muhyiddin also called on Hussin Harun, 63, and Alias Mat Akil, 72.

Hussin, who joined Umno 40 years ago, said: "Although he (Muhyiddin) only came to ask how he was getting on, this was enough (for him)."

As for Alias, who joined Umno in 1964, Muhyiddin's visit to the homes of the veteran Umno members, especially those without any position like him, "showed the traits of a successful leader".

Muhyiddin, who boarded a bus together with Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Datuk Seri Noh Omar, arrived at the village at 4.50pm and immediately proceeded to the Darussalam Mosque to perform the Asar prayer.

He then spent almost half-an-hour calling on the three Umno veterans before visiting Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Tamil (SRJK(T)) Batu 14, Puchong, where he announced an immediate aid of RM400,000 to repair the school.

He said the allocation was made based on the government's policy of giving equal treatment, regardless of race, in terms of education because knowledge was crucial if the country were to progress.

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