

**Number Of Poor Reduced Through Concerted Efforts - Muhyiddin
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SHAH ALAM, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- The number of poor people in the country has been greatly reduced through concerted efforts by the government and various quarters, including the corporate sector, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation recently set a target to eradicate poverty by 2015, but this was a cause for concern among developing countries which felt that it was too ambitious.

"However, we are grateful as no particular group in the country has been neglected. This resulted from the peaceful atmosphere that we enjoyed, which had enable us to focus on developing the country," he said at the breaking of fast with orphans hosted by property developer Glomac Berhad here Tuesday night.

Muhyiddin said throughout the month of Ramadan, aid was being extended to the needy, including orphans by various quarters.

"It is a manifestation of the awareness of Muslims in the country not only to fulfil the obligatory worship but also the optional ones. We feel it is our responsibility to help ease the burden of underprivileged people," he said.

At the event, Muhyiddin, who was accompanied by his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, presented cash aid and clothing to 30 orphans from Rumah Aman.

Rumah Aman founder Abdul Rehman Dakri received a contribution of RM100,000 from Glomac Berhad group executive chairman Tan Sri FD Mansor.

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