

Federal Government To Give 100 Per Cent Commitment To Sarawak - Muhyiddin Bernama
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SELANGAU (Sarawak), Feb 24 (Bernama) -- The Federal Government will continue to give 100 per cent commitment to fulfilling the state's development and aspiration needs.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said, this was because it had always been a Barisan Nasional (BN) stronghold.

Speaking at a meet-the-people session at the SJK (C) Tong Ah here Friday, he said, most of the 312 projects costing RM2.35 billion which were promised during the last general election, had been implemented.

The completed 245 projects totalled RM213.67 million.

Of the remaining 67 projects, work on 40 big projects costing RM1.312 billion was currently in progress, said Muhyiddin.

He said that the rest of the projects faced problems which included land acquisition, and that as such, work had yet to begin.

"Since the last state election, the opposition had gone around saying that the government had failed to implement many projects which were promised or announced.

"But, they are just shooting from the hip. In view of the coming 13th General Election, they will go around again, discrediting the government while promising the people the moon and the stars.

"I hope the people will not be easily swayed because they (opposition) have neither the ability nor the capacity to do better.

"Whatever we have promised or announced, we are definitely going to deliver," he said, adding that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak had directed all ministers, deputy ministers and civil servants to work closely under his National Transformation Programme (NTP) to enable the country to become more progressive and a high income society by 2020.

The deputy prime minister said, under the National Result Key Areas (NKRA), as part of this transformation, much had been done for rural Sarawak, especially.

On road projects alone last year, Muhyiddin said 222.95km of new roads were built in the state while for water supply, the target to supply treated water saw 18,052 households benefiting, surpassing the intended target of 13,024, which is a 138 per cent accomplishment rate.

"For power supply, the government had a 64 per cent accomplishment rate when it

managed to connect 14,123 households, compared to the intended target of 21,792 households.

"We also managed to build 3,963 homes for the rural poor, a 103 per cent achievement," he said, adding that compared to the opposition, the BN Government had very clear and realistic approach to help the people.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, promised to build more vocational schools in the state, in response to Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud's earlier request in his speech.

"If the state needs more vocational schools to produce a sufficient pool of technical workers to fill in jobs created by its regional development corridor SCORE (Sarawak Corridor of Renewable Energy), we will plan for more such schools," he said.

At the function, he announced a government grant of RM1.5 million to complete the construction of the Selangau multipurpose hall and a RM300,000 grant for the SJK (C) Tong Ah.

Muhyiddin also announced a RM300 million grant to help schools in need of urgent repairs.

The money is part of the RM500 million allocated for 600 such schools nationwide.

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