

**Excerpts Of Muhyiddin's Speech
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- Herewith are excerpts of the speech by Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Umno president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin entitled "Championing the Nation's Survival: A Jihad" when he simultaneously launched the general assemblies of the party's Wanita, Puteri and Youth wings at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

** Indeed, the Malay expectations of Umno are very high. As a party built on a strong resolve, Umno shoulders a heavy responsibility in defending the sanctity of the religion, dignity of the race and sovereignty of the country. Umno shoulders a million hopes and aspirations of the Malays, who want to see the Malays to be dignified, supreme and independent.

** All slanders against Umno are like fire destroying every bit of deeds contributed by Umno. Even in the crazy days of slander, our number one leader was not spared from by slanderous sparks. Even while performing the haj, he was distracted by slander factories working overtime to unleash the slanderous sparkles. To the honorable president, do not fret, do not be nervous, do not be depressed, do not fear. Continue the fight. Let's climb the mountain, let's descend the valley, let's swim the ocean together. La takhaf wa la tahzan innallaha ma'ana (Do not be afraid and neither should you be sad for Allah is certainly with us).

** In fact, the sparkles of slander that are being hurled and being spread widely are stoking sentiments of hatred. The objective of the malicious slanderers is very clear, that is to erode public confidence in the capability of the top Umno leadership and to destroy the dreams of the Malays for Umno. Their intention is nothing more than just to wrest political power.

** Subsequently, the Malays are asking, can the Malay political power be sustained if the opposition continue to make relentless attacks on Malay institutions? Can Umno continue to champion the rights of the Malays? Can Umno continue to fulfill the aspirations of the Malays? Or will Umno continue to be trapped in the political psychology of the 2008 post-tsunami which is causing concern among the Malays?

** Actually, the answers to these questions lie with us all. As Umno members, as Umno leaders, we are tasked with the heavy responsibility of continuing the Umno struggle in the interest of religion, race and country.

** The fact is, Umno has recovered from the crash of the 2008 tsunami. We have never relented to the political onslaughts of the opposition who intend to destroy each and every struggle by Umno to champion the cause of the Malays.

** Umno is certainly aware that to maintain stability, peace and harmony in the country, the reality of the political landscape of the multi-racial country must be preserved. Let us not sow the seeds of hatred between the races. Let us not throw insults against the religious beliefs of the other races. Let us not be prejudiced against the other cultures.

** The candidates are the party's weapons for victory. Let us give our full confidence to the

top leadership to decide on this matter. What is important is that is that our candidates must be of calibre, knowledgeable, of high integrity, people-oriented, clean, sincere, trustworthy, of high morals and acceptable to the people. Let us accept the decision of the top leadership. Give our solid support to all our candidates. Mobilise our machinery to assist them.

** Let us defend the party with all our resources. Let us not retreat from the battle ground. Never surrender in the face of battle. Let us not bring shame to the party.

** Don't ever sabotage. Don't ever boycott. Let us avoid infighting. Don't drown our candidates. Do not shut down the operations room. Don't leave the country. Don't stab your friends. Don't ever do anything that can jeopardise the party's chances of winning in the election. Remember that, the election is a do-or-die battle. Remember that winning the election is not a personal victory but a victory for the party.

** As an organisation, Umno is not spared from any shortcomings and weaknesses. Umno is not an angel. We are appreciative and alert. We always strive to carry out changes and improve the weaknesses without sacrificing the principles of our struggle.

** In this struggle, Umno cannot be alone. Let us call upon all the Malays to join us in our struggle.

** The war drums have been sounded. We have planned our strategy. Let us rise! Let us fight! Go to all the 222 parliamentary constituencies and 576 state legislative assembly constituencies and 7,470 district polling centres. Don't leave out anything. We should not forget anything in our struggle. Woo every voter in every area. Remember, even one vote can decide our victory.

** Pay attention to the problems of the people. Feel their pulse. Listen to their woes and problems. Provide assistance to them. We are the eyes, ears and voice of the people. Of utmost importance, we must be responsible. We must discharge our moral responsibility as Umno warriors to assist the people.

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