

'Barisan did more for Penang to cut living costs'

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PEOPLE-CENTRIC: Muhyiddin challenges Guan Eng to tell what he did to help residents

GEORGE TOWN: DEPUTY Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday called on Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng to tell Penangites what the state government had done to reduce the cost of living for the people here.

Muhyiddin, who is also Barisan Nasional deputy chairman, said the BN government had done a lot more than the DAP-led state government in reducing the cost of living.

"With the elections looming, there are those who poke fun at BN, saying BN means Barang Naik. I want to ask Penangites: What has the state government done to help in reducing the cost of living here?"

"I ask Guan Eng, what did you do? You said we did not do anything, but the fact is we have done more than what you have done."

"You (Guan Eng) better tell the folk here in Penang, what you have done," Muhyiddin said when addressing more than 5,000 people in Bayan Baru during the Kenduri Rakyat 1Malaysia.

Present were state MCA chairman Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen, newly appointed state BN chairman Teng Chang Yeow, state BN working committee chairman Datuk Dr Teng Hock Nan and Penang Umno liaison committee chairman Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman.

Muhyiddin said the foundation for the growth of Penang was laid by the BN leadership many decades ago.

"When you see a developed Penang, remember that it is part of the Federal Government's initiative to ensure Penang can still grow and contribute to the national development plan."

Muhyiddin, in citing initiatives carried out by the Federal Government such as the Bantuan Rakyat 1Malaysia (BR1M) and the Baucar Buku 1Malaysia (BB1M), added that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak employed an approach based on what the people wanted.

"We must acknowledge the fact that the people know better and the government must respond to the needs of the people," he said, adding that this was what BN was all about.

"We transform. Transformation means massive and multiple changes. We have been carrying out political and economic transformation."

"There has been massive change. We are fulfilling the needs and demands of the people," Muhyiddin said.

"The Bayan Baru parliamentary seat is a winnable seat. We can get it back with the support of the voters."

Muhyiddin also announced a RM3 million allocation for repair works on various infrastructure in the state.

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