

DPM chides Penang leaders over feast venue fuss
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BUTTERWORTH: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is disappointed with the state government for kicking up a fuss about the 1Malaysia feast venue where he was the guest-of-honour.

He said the state's leaders should not have prevented the function from taking place.

"I have a right to attend the event as I am a Malaysian too. I am also a leader that Penangites want to welcome.

"So, we should have an open mind and not prevent (the function) until it creates problems.

"This is because I, too, have a role to play and a responsibility to meet the rakyat to convey matters concerning government policies and not for personal or political interests," he said.

The gathering was attended by over 7,000 local residents, including farmers and fishermen in Persiaran Mahsuri, Bayan Baru.

On Wednesday, a war of words broke out at the site when Batu Maung assemblyman Abdul Malik Abul Kassim and Pantai Jerejak assemblyman Sim Tze Tzin claimed that the erection of the canopy for the luncheon was illegal as it did not have the approval of the Penang Island Municipal Council (MPPP).

Muhyiddin was speaking after opening the 1Malaysia NGO My Carnival organised by Persatuan Kemajuan Insan Malaysia (Kesan) at Politeknik Seberang Prai near here.

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