

**DPM: Only winnables for polls**  
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KUALA LUMPUR: The seat allocation for Barisan Nasional candidates in the general election is not set in stone and may change to accommodate "winnable candidates", said its deputy chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"PPP and MIC currently have no seat in the Federal Territories. So in our formula of seat allocations, we will look back and see if a particular candidate is popular with the voters.

"Even if one seat is held by a certain party, but a candidate from another party has a very high chance of winning it, we will give priority to the winnable candidate," said the Deputy Prime Minister when launching the PPP Federal Territories convention here at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday.

He said a winnable candidate did not necessarily mean that he or she had to be someone who was popular within his own party or division.

"Some have come up to me and asked that if they have been party division leaders for a long time, always winning uncontested, does that make them winnable candidates?

"I will tell them maybe, but it is not enough. The issue is getting the voters to accept you as their representative," said Muhyiddin, who is also Barisan Federal Territories chairman.

Muhyiddin teased participants at the function with hints of a grand plan to capture some of the seats in the Federal Territories.

Currently, Barisan holds three seats in the Federal Territories Labuan, Putrajaya and Setiawangsa out of 13 parliamentary constituencies.

"We have a strategy to take back some seats. But I can't tell you because there are too many reporters around.

"Right now a lot of people are saying that many of the young voters are anti-Barisan and anti-establishment. But I think otherwise. I think the young ones know that Barisan is a reasonable party which can deliver on its promises," Muhyiddin said.

PPP president Datuk Seri M. Kayveas then took several potshots at the Opposition and electoral pressure group Bersih 2.0 over their demands for the use of the indelible ink, which has been approved by the Election Commission.

"Indelible ink will take us back to ancient days since it is only used in countries where they don't have identity cards like India."

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