

Muhyiddin Urges Private Sector To Support Sports Development In Schools
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MUAR, May 3 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today called on the private sector to give more support to the government's 1 Student 1 Sport policy.

Muhyiddin, who is also Education Minister, said as providing sports infrastructure and facilities in schools was a very costly matter, the ministry welcomed more support from the private sector for the effort.

"We would appreciate it if private companies can come forward to sponsor sports programmes, equipment and materials for schools.

"Although they get allocations for sports development, it is not enough and schools need all the help they can get to provide more and better facilities for sports," he said.

He told this to reporters after witnessing the presentation of footballs for schools by Berjaya Corporation Bhd-7Eleven-Cosway Bhd at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan (SMK) Jalan Junid here.

At the event, the consortium of companies donated 15,000 footballs worth RM1.1 million to be distributed to schools throughout the country under the policy.

Muhyiddin said the ministry and the private sector could also collaborate to develop unutilised land in schools for building sports infrastructure like courts, fields or halls.

In return, the companies would be given space to promote their products, he said.

"We have 10,000 schools throughout the country, this will not only give them an opportunity to promote their products but at the same time also help the ministry further develop sports in schools, he said.

In other matters, Muhyiddin said the Cabinet had instructed the authorities including the police and the Attorney-General's Chambers to expedite investigations into the violence that happened at Saturday's rally in the federal capital and to collect concrete evidence before bringing to book the culprits responsible (for the violence).

He said the riots were an embarrassment for the country because it led to participants, police and media personnel to be injured, besides property being damaged.

He said the government viewed the matter very seriously and that there was no escaping from the law for the persons responsible for the violence.

Meanwhile, at another function in the Maharani state constituency, Muhyiddin announced a RM2.2 million allocation for upgrading its drainage system and also for other infrastructure.

"As for the Sungai Balang area, a total of RM1.005 million has been approved for building

bridges, upgrading roads and the drainage system," he added.

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