

**Muhyiddin Visits Kota Belud Grassroots**  
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KOTA BELUD, April 28 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin began his grassroot visit to Kota Belud with breakfast at a restaurant here with local residents.

Arriving at 9am with his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, he also took time to mingle with traders at the Pasar Besar Kota Belud.

Bajau traditional cake seller Maria Slim, 45, whose stall was among those visited by Muhyiddin and his wife, appreciated that "they were friendly and had accommodated time to visit the local people".

For farmer Japri Bilai, 56, Muhyiddin's visit to the district was a big boost for the people.

"I'm sure he will hear out our problems at the grassroots. Hopefully his visit will be an example for our community leaders to follow and work hard for the people's wellbeing," he said.

Sekolah Kebangsaan Rosok parent-teachers' association chairman Sigam Anggur, 52, said the visit by Muhyiddin who was accompanied by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman was a motivation for the teaching community and parents including in the rural areas.

He said Muhyiddin, who is also Education minister had played his role well as education planner for the young generation towards a future of excellence.

"He is not just paying lip service as you can see from the schools in the rural areas that have been upgraded," he said.

Part time photographer Hafiz Datu Abdullah, 23, said the Deputy Prime Minister's visit had injected gusto in the youth to aim for success in their respective fields.

"My friends and I are very happy to have had the chance to shake his hand and take some photographs with him. Someday we will show to him the outcome of our endeavour," added Hafiz who headed the local Youth Photography Club.

According to him, he and his friends would be pooling their resources to set up a photography shop in the district as many agencies had stated their willingness to finance them.

Meanwhile, Kampung Pandasan Barisan Nasional (BN) polling district chairman Suad Karanda, 45, said Muhyiddin's visit will unite the people in supporting the party leadership.

"I believe the BN leaders at the village level, which involves three ethnic groups, Bajau, Iranun and KadazanDusun will remain loyal to the BN because the government has fulfilled many pledges to provide basic infrastructure," he said.

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