

**Cooperation Between Umno Veterans, Young Members Necessary To Unite Malays:
Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Umno needs the close cooperation of its veteran members and the young people in the party to bring back the spirit of unity and struggle of the Malays.

He said the strong fighting spirit of the veterans should be inherited by the younger members of Umno.

"The role of the veterans is very much needed to continue with the Malay struggle. We want the Malays to remain a strong race and united," he said when opening the Federal Territory Umno Veteran's Club, headed by Datuk Zakaria Salleh, here Monday.

Muhyiddin, who is Umno deputy president, said the party was facing various challenges to unite the Malays who were now breaking up and lagging behind in economy and education.

He said the transformation programme mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was among initiatives implemented to improve the economic standard of the Malays.

"If this programme succeeds, the Malays will succeed, but if it fails, it will be a barrier to see the future achievements of the Malays," he added.

Muhyiddin said if the Malays were not as strong and solid like before, there would be groups taking advantage of the situation and make extravagant demands.

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