

Muslims Urged To Unite, Put Political Differences Aside
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MUAR, May 3 (Bernama) -- Muslims in the country have been urged to unite irrespective of their political leanings to face various current challenges.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said there were now various understanding and ideologies which if not properly managed could affect the faith and unity of Muslims.

"For example, there are movements led by certain individuals trying to deviate the faith of Muslims by favouring liberalism and LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) lifestyles," he said.

He was speaking at the Premier Islamic Affairs Forum at Dataran Tanjung Emas here Thursday night.

The forum organised by the Muar branch of a non-governmental organisation entitled 'Muslim Union, Unity, Brotherhood and Cooperation - The requirement of Fardhu Ain' was attended by 5,000 residents.

Muhyiddin said the deviant movements allowed every practice in Islam to be liberalised as what was happening in the West.

"They try to weaken our faith and permit apostasy as well as allow sexual orientation based on individual rights," he said.

He expressed worry that if Muslims did not unite, such understanding would find its way into the realm of Islam.

In this regard, as Muslims, he said they were required to protect Islam and reject any understanding deviating from the true Islamic faith and tenets.

He said even though Muslims had the right to political affiliation, it should not lead to neglecting Muslim unity.

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