

**Muhyiddin: Mohamad's communist remarks insulting
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 28 — PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu saying the communists who attacked Bukit Kepong police station were heroes insults those who fought for the country, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday.

During the Emergency (1948-1960), communist insurgents attacked the police station in the 1950s, while the country was still under British rule.

Muhyiddin said he was extremely disappointed with Mohamad who is more popularly known as Mat Sabu, for his August 21 remarks made at a Tasek Gelugor political gathering, as reported by a local daily.

The report also stated that the PAS leader said the country's first prime minister Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj and Umno's first president Datuk Onn Jaafar were not freedom fighters, Muhyiddin pointed out.

In his statement released to Bernama Online, Muhyiddin said Mohamad was ignorant of the contribution made by past Malay leaders to lead the country to independence.

He wants Mohamad to now apologise to all Malaysians for his remarks.

Muhyiddin (picture) explained further that the Malay leaders Mohamad derided who ended up inspired Malays to oppose British rule and the Malayan Union.

He said that they led to the formation of Umno and have always defended Malay rulers, Malay rights, Malay language and Islam.

Muhyiddin said that Mohamad's lauding of those behind the communist insurgency was misplaced for the communists were cruel and were murderers.

The education minister said that the communists wanted to build an undemocratic communist country, citing the examples of communists killing and rioting after the Japanese surrendered at the end of the Second World War.

In a related development, a police report against Mohamad's remarks — as was reported by a local daily — was made at Pagoh police station in Muar by Pagoh Barisan Nasional Youth chief Ismail Mohamed yesterday.

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