

Muhyiddin uses race card, urges Malays to reject Pakatan
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 — Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin exploited the race card tonight when he urged Umno to defend the Malay race, culture and institutions from the opposition Pakatan Rakyat (PR).

Hitting out at the DAP in particular, he accused the PR party of being an anti-Islam and anti-Malay force.

Muhyiddin (picture) also dismissed PKR as a spent force interested only in championing the cause of one man, and PAS as a party that had shed its Islamic ideology to please the DAP.

“(The DAP) do not respect royal institutions, insult government officers who are mostly Malay, slander our armed forces with insults, dispute our enforcement institutes, dismiss the credibility of our justice system and make a fool out of the Malays to gain power for themselves,” he said when opening Umno’s Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings’ annual general assemblies here.

“DAP’s agenda to form a republic by dismissing values, history and identity of Malaysia as a nation based on sovereignty and Islam as the official religion is evident,” he added.

“If not, do they dare suggest the prime minister’s position be selected based solely on elections and without being chosen by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong? What is the meaning of this?”

Speaking to about 4,000 delegates from the Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings, Muhyiddin called PKR an ultraliberal party lacking moral values for electing a leader with a credibility crisis to head the party.

“They preach values that are against our culture in the name of freedom,” he said.

“Although one facet in PKR preaches religion and another preaches ultraliberalism, they have only one goal — to defend their leader.”

He pointed out that PAS has lost its way by placing both PKR and the DAP’s agendas before its own.

“It is clear the political tsunami during the last general election has drowned out the Islamic state ideology from PAS’s political lexicon,” he said, prompting laughter.

Assuring the crowd that Umno has risen from the political tsunami of 2008, Muhyiddin urged delegates to unite and strive to defend religion, race and country.

“Umno has shown its commitment by uniting people of all races... We shall not stir hatred with other races. We shall not insult other races. We shall not be prejudiced towards other cultures. We are not racist like DAP,” he said.

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