

DPM: Change is the key word
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TAIPING: The transformation programmes introduced by Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak require grassroots Barisan Nasional and Umno members to change the way they serve the people, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said.

"Times have changed and Barisan now faces demands and challenges never seen before. Therefore, the mode of our struggle must also change," he said at the groundbreaking of the RM1mil Taiping Umno division building in Jalan Kota here yesterday.

Muhyiddin said the transformation programmes introduced by the Prime Minister, while affecting the country's administration, also had a bearing on politics.

"As such, the implementation of policies to champion the aspirations of the *rakyat* must also change," he said.

At another function, Muhyiddin said the rural areas would not be neglected by Barisan should the mandate be given to the coalition to rule the country.

The rural sector would remain an important aspect of the country's continuous development, he said when opening the mini Rural Transformation Centre (RTC) in Kampung Siputeh, about 70km from here.

He added that several programmes were either already in place or taking shape.

Muhyiddin said that under last year's National Key Result Areas, the Government had built and upgraded roads in rural areas stretching 1,013km, benefiting 425,377 people.

"Besides the better networking infrastructure, 366,135 residents from 73,227 houses were supplied with clean water while 27,004 houses received power supply.

"For this year, the Government's target is to build roads totalling 1,349.9km in the rural areas as well as provide water supply to 201,192 houses and power supply to 39,442 houses," he added.

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