

**Muslims Should Partake In Government's Economic Development Programmes –  
Muhyiddin  
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MUAR, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has called Muslims in the country to participate in the many economic development programmes carried out by the government.

He said this was because to face even bigger challenges in future would depend on the capacity to build economic strength among Muslims.

"The most important thing is not government plans but the participation of the community, especially Muslims in the country in economic development," he said when speaking at a Quran recital and breaking of fast session at the Pekembar Complex here Saturday.

Also present were the Deputy Prime Minister's wife, Puan Seri Nooraine Abdul Rahman and Pagoh Umno deputy chief Datuk Tahir Taat, who is also the state assemblyman for Bukit Serampang.

The event attended by some 2,000 residents of the surrounding areas also included orphans, destitutes, senior citizens and students of Universiti Tun Hussein Onn.

Muhyiddin said programmes to raise the economic position of Muslims would continue to be implemented to enable Muslims control all fields so that they no longer depend on outsiders.

"The most essential thing we want to see especially among the Muslims is the growth in the control of economic fields such as agriculture, manufacturing and so on.

"The government's plan over the next eight years as 2020 approaches, is to attract more than RM444 billion of investments and a large part of it has started to flow in.

"So we want Muslims to take part in economic development to raise Muslim economy because Islam requires us to strengthen our position," he said.

At the ceremony, he also presented hari raya contributions to needy people and orphans from Pagoh.

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