

**Umno, BN Must Remain In Power To Keep Foundations Of Nation-building Intact -
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LANGKAWI, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) must remain in power to keep the foundations of nation-building that were established since the days of the country's independence, intact, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The deputy prime minister said Umno and BN's victory was vital and not just for political power, but to continue to be the fortress in defence of the country against threats and undesirable ideology from outside.

"Many of these foreign influences are not in line with our religious and eastern values and our own long-held values as Malaysians," said Muhyiddin to reporters after opening the Langkawi Umno division delegates' meeting at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre, here, Friday.

He said that was why Umno and BN needed to be very strong to win the people's support and a big mandate in order to determine the direction for continuous nation-building based on the principles of the Rukunegara.

"One of the principles (of the Rukunegara) is the supremacy of the (Federal) Constitution, but there have been quarters questioning the position of the Malay rulers, Malay special rights, and the position of the Malay language, Islam and that of the other races in the country which are guaranteed under the constitution," he said.

Muhyiddin said currently, there were also groups trying to promote liberal ideology, while mutual respect was disappearing and extreme voices increasingly heard.

"These things are happening everyday, but not before 2008. There seems to be a fervour on the part of the opposition to be in power, there is no restraint...they could do whatever they like.

"Although this country practises democracy, they must still act within the law and in accordance with our culture which includes showing mutual respect.

"Now they are suggesting that our national flag be changed, they trampled on pictures of the prime minister, support free sex, LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transexual) community...in fact hundreds of other elements that are in conflict with our real values as Malaysians."

Muhyiddin said all these could be prevented by making the people rise in strength through their support for BN, which all this while had built the nation with such foundations as the Rukunegara, parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy.

"BN's victory in the (coming) elections will enable our values and foundations to continue to be protected against unsuitable and unacceptable elements," he said.

Muhyiddin hit out at opposition parties that were willing to do anything to gain the people's support without thinking of the social values in practice.

"They don't seem to have such considerations as long as they can garner votes...even to the extent of making the people hate the government. To them (opposition), whatever the government does is not beneficial...everything is not right.

"If they are rational, they will admit the good things the BN government does...and if it does something wrong, they can remonstrate. But there's no social ethics, no sense of respect on their part.

"Meanwhile, there are so many problems in the states ruled by the opposition which have left the people confused. Such psychology is only created for political expediency," he said.

In this regard, Muhyiddin said the national education blueprint to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak on Sept 11, contained elements of nationhood such as social values and ethics.

"We want a system that produces not only intelligent and smart students, but also with good character and morals, and disciplined and respectful. These aspects will be included in the school curriculum," he added.

Also present at the opening of the divisional meeting were Kedah Umno liaison chief Datuk Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah, Langkawi Umno division head Datuk Nawawi Ahmad and Langkawi member of parliament Datuk Abu Bakar Taib.

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