

**PAS Is All Political Rhetoric In Championing Islam, Development – Muhyiddin Bernama  
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PASIR [MAS](#), Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The PAS-led Kelantan government, which is said to base its struggle on Islam, is instead seen to be indulging merely in political rhetoric in championing the religion and development for the people.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said although Kelantan was called "Serambi Mekah" (Verandah of Mecca) and PAS had been ruling the state for 22 years, much could be done by the state government but it did not.

"The people of Kelantan can see for themselves whether the state government has done its job (for Islam and the state's development) or not," he said after opening the 1Malaysia Feast at Kolej Kemahiran Tinggi Mara in Lubok Jong, here, Thursday.

Also present were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Awang Adek Husin and Rantau Panjang Umno division head Datuk Abdullah Md Zin.

Muhyiddin, who is also Umno deputy president, said 22 years of ruling Kelantan was not a short time but a long one, which should have been filled with efforts to enhance Islamic and people's development.

He said promoting the greatness of Islam should not be just through displaying symbols, but should also be translated into programmes and initiatives which could truly show its struggle for Islam and felt by the people.

Muhyiddin said the manifestation of the Barisan Nasional (BN) government's seriousness in promoting Islam and looking after the people's lot, could be seen in the major changes brought about in these two areas.

He said that besides infrastructural development for the people's benefit, the BN government managed to reduce the number of poor people in the country through the implementation of various programmes.

"When we make comparisons, it should not be from the political aspect only, but to judge something based on its translation into a concrete thing and its impact on people's lives," he said.

Muhyiddin thus urged the people of Kelantan to effect change by giving the mandate back to BN to rule the state so that "what has been left out in PAS' 22 years of ruling Kelantan can be done by the capable BN government".

"This (upcoming 13th general election) is the best chance, as 22 years (of PAS rule) is not a short time. I was in Johor as Menteri Besar for nine years and six months (from Aug 13, 1986 to May 6, 1995) and I could do a lot, " he said.

Muhyiddin said the BN government was serious about effecting transformation as wanted by the people of Kelantan, such as solving the long-standing clean water supply issue, and all these would be included in BN's 13th general election manifesto for the state.

On development projects involving the Kelantan government and private companies which were criticised in the Auditor-General's Report 2011, he said the state government should ensure that the agreements signed should be adhered to in the interest of the people.

Earlier, in his speech, Muhyiddin reminded Kelantan Umno to be well prepared in facing the upcoming general election, to strengthen unity, and to get close to the people and solve their problems.

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