

UMNO: Muhyiddin Touts Regional Cooperation To Uphold Peace, Stability
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 27 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today told an international forum on conflict and conciliation that unmanageable domestic conflicts will have far-reaching consequences on regional peace and stability.

For this reason, he said, regional cooperation in solving domestic strife was an important tool in maintaining regional peace and stability.

"Offering a helping hand by taking part in conciliation process to help neighbouring countries solve domestic conflicts is one of the best ways to promote lasting peace and stability," the deputy prime minister said.

Muhyiddin said this when closing the two-day forum themed 'Conflict and Conciliation in People's Politics - Looking Back or Looking Forward?' held in conjunction with the Umno General Assembly 2012, here.

He noted that it was in this spirit of regional cooperation that Malaysia spent time and effort to contribute towards the peace process in southern Philippines.

"The amicable agreement reached by the Bangsamoro and the Philippine government recently is a clear manifestation of the effective role of conciliation in managing and terminating conflicts," Muhyiddin said.

Elaborating, the deputy prime minister pointed out that the negative impact of domestic conflicts would also be felt by neighbouring countries, including in the form of an influx of refugees, asylum seekers and illegal immigrants.

"Cross-border crime, human-trafficking and militancy are among the well-known results of unmanageable domestic conflicts," he added.

The forum was attended by nearly 130 delegates from some 20 countries.

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