

Muhyiddin's Speech Should Alert People On Crisis In Opposition Pact
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- The opening speech by Umno deputy president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin when opening the simultaneous meeting of the three Umno wings namely the Wanita, Youth and Puteri movements is hoped to create awareness among the people on the crisis faced by the opposition.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishamuddin Tun Hussein said the speech could be perceived as calling on the party members as well as the public to be aware of the problems faced by the pact.

He said the speech was based on the problems faced by the pact in administering Selangor, Penang and Kedah which should be understood by the grassroots of the three Umno wings to face the looming general election.

Wanita Umno head Datuk Seri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil said Muhyiddin's speech recognised the contribution of Wanita Umno in maintaining party stability.

She said Wanita Umno was more interested in politics that championed the welfare of the people instead of politics that hurled slanders that could lead to chaos and riots in the country.

Meanwhile, Umno Youth head Khairy Jamaluddin said Muhyiddin's speech was clearly a call to Umno and the Barisan Nasional (BN) to harness their energy to realise the trust to defend Putrajaya.

"Umno Youth is responding to the challenge to become party warriors, we will redouble efforts to go down to the ground and ensure that our machinery is strong and our explanation is clear, and with this tireless efforts, we are confident of attracting more young voters to be with Umno," he said.

Puteri Umno head Datuk Rosnah Abdul Rashid Shirlin, meanwhile, said the message and prayers recited during Muhyiddin's opening speech would always be an inspiration to every member of Puteri in discharging their duty to strengthen Umno.

"As Puteri head, I will ensure that the Puteri machinery is always ready for any eventuality although each of the three wings carry differing challenges," she said.

Mohd Shafie said despite having more parliamentary seats than the other coalition partners, Umno still shared Cabinet posts with other component parties.

"But we do not rule by taking care the interest of Umno alone, instead we translate the partnership by giving opportunities to all races," he said.

Mohd Shafie said this was different with the opposition who purportedly worked as a cohesive alliance, but obviously it was just an empty promise that could not even be translated in the opposition-led states.

On a prayer calling for all Muslims, including PAS members, to open their hearts and return to the path of Islam, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said it was a common prayer done according to the Prophet Muhammad's clarion call, and not a call for the destruction of others.

"We take the approach of wisdom by not emulating the prayer of Muslims who called for our destruction, instead we prayed for their wellbeing as well for the sake of Islam, by not sidelining other religion," he said.

Meanwhile, BN component party leaders also described Muhyiddin's speech as a story that tells the actual scenario in the opposition pact in its bid to get the people's support.

Gerakan Wanita chief Datuk Tan Lian Hoe, who is also Deputy Domestic Trade, Cooperative and Consumerism Minister, said it was hoped that the people could identify the political party that had actually helped them.

"We all know that the opposition have made a lot of promises, but failed to fulfill them and they also spread lies.

"The deputy prime minister has clearly reminded the people to choose the party that will ensure their future and the future of their children," she said.

People's Progressive Party Youth chief Harridz Mohan, on the other hand, said that the speech had also invited the people to think rationally and make a wise decision to form a government that could bring the country to greater heights, while MIC Youth chief T.Mohan described the speech as a morale booster for BN Youth and Puteri in facing the 13th general election.

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