

**Pakatan hits back at Muhyiddin, says he lacks new ideas**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) leaders today claimed that Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin's attacks on their coalition reflects his lack of new ideas for the country and his party Umno's desperate desire to win Malay-Muslim votes ahead of the 13th general elections.

Yesterday, the Umno deputy president had said that PR's PAS had lied about fighting for Islam, claiming that the party's struggle is not supported by its allies DAP and PKR.

PAS' Dr Dzulkefly Ahmad (picture) said the attacks on his party were due to Umno's fear of losing votes from the Malay-Muslim community.

"Clearly what Umno is doing now is intended to fish for Malay-Muslim votes," he said.

He said Umno had to resort to such tactics because the party itself no longer has any goodwill among voters, with scandals like the National Feedlot Centre (NFC) and the Port Klang Free Zone (PKFZ) giving the perception that it is a corrupt party.

"Because Umno is facing PAS, so they (Umno) need to ruin the image and credibility of PAS. Because of that, the main one he bashes is PAS, not DAP or PKR.

"Because we are fighting one against one with Umno. The one that will replace Umno is PAS and also replacing the Malays in Umno.

"It can be clearly seen that he attacks us (PAS) because he knows that PAS is ready in a strong position to replace them," Dzulkefly told The Malaysian Insider in Parliament today.

DAP's Liew Chin Tong also said that Umno's leaders are creating fear for BN's political foe to draw support from Malay voters.

"I think both Muhyiddin and Mahathir are only working on Malay ground. They are hoping that by creating fear towards PR, they can hold on to Malay support. They are hoping by doing all this they can win just with Malay support," he said.

"They don't understand that the country has changed a lot. People are comparing both sides. All Malaysians regardless of ethnic groups are hoping for a good government that has integrity and is not corrupt," the Bukit Bendera MP said.

He described Muhyiddin as working together with MCA to pressure both PAS and DAP to return to their traditional support base.

"All Pakatan parties have ventured out beyond their comfort zone, especially PAS and DAP," he said, referring to the former's Malay support base and the latter's non-Malay support base.

Liew contrasted PR with BN, saying that the former will not rely on voters from any single ethnic group but will work to win the people's support as a coalition that holds the middle ground.

"We want to be a centrist coalition that is acceptable to all Malaysians," he said, adding that such attacks are merely an attempt to distract the pact from its focus on issues of good governance and integrity.

PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar said it was disappointing to see Muhyiddin, who is also the deputy prime minister, using the old fear card instead of offering new ideas for the country.

"This is normal; every single election, they use the politics of fear, hatred, bigotry, (it is) always utilised by Barisan Nasional and Umno," she said.

"And it is sorely disappointing to see the deputy prime minister not offering anything new for the development of Malaysia, but utilising the race card, the fear card in order to maintain support.

"I really think it would be more apt for the deputy prime minister to showcase his leadership capabilities by spelling out what is his vision for Malaysia because I see that as sorely lacking from his attacks on Pakatan Rakyat," the Lembah Pantai MP said.

Liew shared Nurul Izzah's view, saying: "Umno has no new ideas anymore against PR and what they can do is destroy the credibility of PR as a possible coalition government."

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