

Muhyiddin wants to see change of attitude reflected at general election
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TAN Sri Muhyiddin Yassin wants Umno members to translate their change of attitude towards the party into votes at the general election.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Umno deputy president said the next polls would be the most challenging and every vote is vital to the party and the Barisan Nasional.

He said while Umno has recovered from the 2008 elections, it is important for the members to maintain their positive attitude towards the party.

"Based on my observation during visits to the states, there is a marked change among the Umno leadership at the grassroots level.

"I hope this will be translated into votes in the elections," he said at a press conference on the sidelines of the first day proceedings of the Umno general assembly here yesterday.

Muhyiddin said Umno members are ready for the polls even if the Prime Minister and party president decides to have it next month.

He added that they are on high alert, aware that parliament would automatically dissolve by April 28 next year.

Muhyiddin urged Umno delegates to convey this message and Najib's presidential address to every member.

"The president called for all Umno members to close ranks and work hard.

The nation's stability and racial harmony will be at risk if the mandate to rule the country is given to the opposition pact, which propagates contradicting ideologies, said Muhyiddin.

Describing the opposition pact as fragile, he added: "They can't agree on many issues in the states they rule.

"They don't support each other's policies while DAP and PAS are always at loggerheads."

To a question, Muhyiddin said the Malays and bumiputras made up more than 60% of the country's population and, "imagine if they do not get their appropriate place (in politics) in the general election based on the Constitution. What would the situation be?"

Muhyiddin said the Barisan Nasional's power-sharing formula had given Malaysians the peace and stability they enjoy today.

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