

**Opposition Manifesto Merely Aping BN's Initiatives, Says Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 9 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) pledge is more comprehensive than the opposition manifesto which merely apes the initiatives that had been implemented the government, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said despite producing add-ons to the BN initiatives, the opposition had the cheek to claim that the BN emulated their agenda.

Although the opposition manifesto looks good on paper, it does not take into account the economic capacity and stability, he added.

Instead the promises catered to the interests of certain groups in the society, he told a news conference after presenting awards to Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia 2012 outstanding students at Sekolah Berasrama Penuh Integrasi, Gombak near here today.

"Many experts, who have analysed the manifesto, found that it is not doable or cannot be implemented. This is due to their lack of experience.

"For example, if they win tomorrow, car prices will come down, and what will happen to the automobile industry which is worth billions of ringgit," he said, adding that the plan may cause adverse effects not only on the industry but also the economy as a whole.

He said on the other hand, the BN manifesto took into account the growth of public spending as well as income generated from funding, investments and tax collection without worsening the budget deficit.

On the possibility that Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman will take on DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang in the Gelang Patah parliamentary constituency, Muhyiddin said the BN would consider the views of various races before coming to a decision with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak having the last say.

"Of course, Kit Siang was taken by surprise for he might have planned to contest there for a long time, and now he is in a tight spot.

"Either Lim Kit Siang or Guan Eng contest, it does not matter to us, we will defend the seat, we have our strategy and way to win," he said.

On what seems to be PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and deputy president Mohamad Azmin Ali's covert plan to curtail PKR president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail from contesting in Selangor, Muhyiddin said, "Although they are husband and wife, their statements were inconsistent, and Dr Wan Azizah's power as president is usurped by its adviser."

On blogger Papagomo's plan to take on Anwar wherever he is fielded, Muhyiddin said, "It will be interesting to watch... probably we will know more secrets about Anwar."

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