

Opposition Using Populist Approach To Hoodwink People
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MUAR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the opposition was using a populist approach to attract the attention of the people when the promises made were merely lies.

He said the opposition manifesto for the 13th General Election was found to be only 15 per cent true while the rest were merely sweet promises for the election.

"They put up the policy (manifesto) for populist appeal when they are actually lying to the people. Our country is now in an excellent position, with a healthy creation of job opportunities and people earning high income.

"Nonetheless, the opposition is trying to hoodwink the people by giving them more, including lowering the price of petrol when our studies found that if the country were to implement their manifesto, it (country) will suffer a deficit of up to 11 per cent," he said.

Muhyiddin was speaking at the launch of the Pagoh Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery here which was attended by his wife, Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman, and Pagoh parliamentary election machinery director Datuk Tahir Taat, among others.

The deputy prime minister said the government had been working hard for 55 years to ensure the country did not go bankrupt, as experienced by some Western countries.

He also highlighted the attitude of opposition leaders who were power-crazy and spent time thinking of capturing Putrajaya and becoming prime minister.

"They are power-crazy, they appear to be in a coalition but they harbour different ambitions like taking a rocket to the moon," he said.

According to Muhyiddin, the general election this time around, would be challenging, unlike previous elections.

In this regard, he reminded party members not to raise problems, issues or create crisis but be focused on their hardwork to strengthen the party.

Muhyiddin later spent more than an hour at an afternoon tea session with the community in Pagoh town.

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