

BN Machinery Reminded To Refrain From Factionalism
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MUAR, April 4 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has reminded the Barisan Nasional (BN) party machinery to refrain from resorting to factionalism throughout the 13th general election (GE13).

He said the practice must be avoided because it could have negative impact on the BN's goal of achieving the best election result.

"Our fear is that factionalism is prevalent in many parties. What we want is that when the general election comes, the practice will not reach a negative stage.

"If there areas which are not united probably because the selection (of candidates) at the division level has not been finalised...then we fear that it will affect the candidate's success.

"It will pose an obstacle to the objective of succeeding in the general election. As such, I wish to remind party leaders at all levels to give attention to this problem," he said.

Muhyiddin disclosed this to reporters after opening the BN election machinery meeting for the Pagoh division at the Kompleks Seri Pekembar, here Thursday, which was also attended by Pagoh BN chairman Datuk Tahir Mohd Taat.

He was confident that all leaders at every level understood the matter and wanted them to play a role so that such developments would not crop up.

He said this was among the two important matters emphasised by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to all party machinery in facing the GE13.

Muhyiddin said the prime minister also wanted the list of candidates that would be announced soon to be well accepted by everyone so that there would be no major problem that could be detrimental to the BN in the polls.

"When the time comes for the candidates to be announced, party members at all levels must give their trust and accept the decision so that the focus of the party in the general election will not be affected," he said.

Careful selection was carried out because the current political scenario was different from the past where thorough study was needed particularly in certain constituencies, he said.

"We also cooperate with the component parties, focus in detail and we meet, not once but many times. If the matter has not been decided, we ask the leader concerned to return to his or her constituency and come back with the best formula and candidate for the constituency," he said.

Muhyiddin said that the candidate selection process was almost finalised and was in the process screening by the Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), the police, and the Insolvency Department besides passing the health examination.

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