

**Opposition Facing Daunting Task In Allocating Seats, Says Muhyiddin
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SAMARAHAN (Sarawak), April 13 (Bernama) -- The opposition is facing a daunting task in allocating seats among its component parties for the 13th general election, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said with just one week to go before the nomination, there were still infighting over seat allocation among the component parties.

"This is a manifestation that there is no consensus among opposition parties as they scramble for seats, believing they think they can form the next government. So each of them wants to have more seats so that they have an idea who can be the next prime minister.

"We can see that until the last moment, they have not decided on their candidates in a number of areas in Sarawak and the peninsula.

"In certain areas where the names of candidates from a party were announced, they have ignited outrage from supporters of another party because no discussions had been held to delve on them," he told reporters after attending a community gathering at the compound of the Darul Iman Mosque, Sadong Jaya here, Saturday.

On the Barisan Nasional's (BN) foray in Sarawak, he said the BN would not have much problem to maintain its stranglehold like the previous general election.

"Our stunning performance in the 2011 state election reflected the people's attitude and choice in the coming 13th general election.

"I believe that like voters in other states, voters in Sarawak have benefited from the transformation programmes carried out by the BN government like BR1M," he said.

Muhyiddin said apart from that, economic and job opportunities created by the BN government in the state had enabled the BN to garner an overwhelming support from the people.

"I do not want to sound snobbish, but during my visits to the state, particularly after the launch of the BN manifesto, I can see the support of the people to the BN is growing from their body language, comments and feedback. This is a positive and encouraging indication to the BN," he added.

Present were Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu who represented Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, and incumbent Member of Parliament for Badang Sadong Nancy Shukri.

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