

**Don't Be Swayed By Opposition's "All Sorts Of Promises And Offers", Says Muhyiddin**  
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JOHOR BAHRU, April 16 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Tuesday reminded the people not to pawn the nation's future by accepting what he termed as the opposition's "all sorts of offers and goodies" in their election manifesto.

The Deputy Prime Minister said promises and pledges made by the opposition were not realistic and were not beneficial at all to the people and country in future.

"Instead, what is promised and programmes implemented by the Barisan Nasional (BN) government through various policies and assistance such as the IMalaysia People's Aid (BRIM) have benefited the people immensely.

"By pawning our future and only thinking of the offers and goodies promised by the opposition in their manifesto will only ruin our lives.

"The BN is farsighted than the opposition...they only want to be popular (among the people)," he said when speaking at the Tekun entrepreneurs' community gathering here Tuesday.

Muhyiddin said promises made by the opposition through their manifesto such as abolishing the National Higher Education Fund Loan and toll payments were something difficult to implement.

"Such promises are merely made to fish for votes to realise opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's cherished ambition to become Malaysia's prime minister.

"The plan to abolish PTPTN loan appears attractive but in reality it's something else. It appears rosy because we don't have to pay the loan and toll, but this is confusing.

"What the government has been providing study loans to students was from the government's coffers and financial institutions so that our children can pursue tertiary education.

"The loan repaid by the borrowers can be disbursed to more students whose parents can ill-afford to send their children for tertiary education," he said.

Muhyiddin said there was no reason for the people to change the government because the present government has proven to be an able government and has the means to implement the people's wants for over 55 years.

"Our country is peaceful, safe and prosperous. The economy is expanding, there is no crisis, people are living in harmony and they can do business as usual. So, there's no reason whatsoever to change the government.

"These issues have to be explained to the people. At a time when the nation is facing the general election, the opposition has cashed in by spreading all kinds of slanders and accusations against the government," he added.

On Tekun, Muhyiddin said the programme has so far disbursed loans amounting to more than RM2.5 billion to 248,000 cottage industry operators nationwide.

He said Tekun had proven to be the biggest entrepreneur development movement in the country towards championing the Bumiputera agenda so that they would not be left behind from the mainstream economic development.

At the function, Muhyiddin handed Tekun Entrepreneurs' Excellence Award to 28 entrepreneurs in the state in recognition of their success in business.

Tekun Nasional Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Datuk Abdul Rahim Hassan attended the gathering.

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