

**NGOs In Labuan Pledge Support For New Candidate - Muhyiddin
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LABUAN, April 17 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Barisan Nasional (BN) has received overwhelming support from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) over the selection of a new candidate for the Labuan parliamentary seat.

He said the support was not only from NGOs but also from former member of parliament (MP) Datuk Yussof Mahal who had pledged to work together to ensure Labuan contributed one seat for BN in the coming polls.

Rosman Isli was chosen to replace one-term Yussof Mahal in the 13th General Election on May 5.

"I have met the Labuan BN committee members led by Senator Datuk Yunus Kurus and NGOs who have promised to support the new candidate to win the election," Muhyiddin told reporters at a press conference after officiating the RM5.6 million Bus and Taxi Terminal here Wednesday.

He said the pledge by NGOs in Labuan over the decision to replace the former MP showed there was no issue or problem within BN component parties or certain quarters.

Before the decision was made with the prime minister, I contacted Datuk Yussof Mahal and expressed gratitude for his good service and sacrifice. He accepted the decision and pledged to work together and support the new candidate for BN's victory. So, this means there is no issue and no problem, he added.

On the expectation from the new candidate, Muhyiddin said, the BN government was fully aware of the people's high expectations of the government's performance, adding the people were matured enough to judge the government's ability.

Therefore, it is important for voters to ensure continuity in the area of development, in particular for Labuan, to continue to progress.

"And, that is also why we decided to choose a young leader of calibre, with qualification, experience and with good rapport with the community to have a better chance to win the election, he said.

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