

**Muhyiddin Mesmerises Putatan Folk Through Walkabout Programme**  
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PUTATAN, April 18 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional's (BN) manifesto that prioritises the interests of the people, kept the 1Malaysia spirit alive through the 'Turun Padang' programme ahead of the 13th general election.

Today, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin took some time off his hectic schedule in Sabah to stroll through the Tamu (Bazaar) Putatan for an hour before making a visit to Paitan, Beluran and Sandakan, a true reflection of the 1Malaysia concept.

Muhyiddin, accompanied by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, BN candidates for Putatan Parliamentary constituency Datuk Marcus Mojigoh and Petagas State seat Datuk Seri Yahya Hussin, shook hands with small-time traders and the people alike while the Deputy Prime Minister visited the Tamu Putatan.

"It's more of a surprise for us. As far as I can recall, I have never heard or met a deputy prime minister in this tamu ground.

"I'm happy because at last I had the opportunity to see him in person and I was really touched by his humility and simplicity. I did not expect a great leader like the deputy prime minister to visit our market...this is the kind of leader we want," said a Putatan resident Maruf Ismail to Bernama.

The 52-year old Maruf of Kampung Ketiau, said the BN leaders truly practised the 1Malaysia concept mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak by going down to the ground to listen for themselves the grouses of the small-time traders and the people in Putatan.

"I can see the difference between the BN leaders and the opposition's. Our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister are really sincere in championing the cause of the people.

"Their simple and down-to-earth way of greeting ordinary people touched my heart. I hope BN will continue to rule after this coming general election," he said.

A community leader from Putatan, Othman Abdul Hamid said there was a dramatic change in BN's approach in tackling and resolving various issues faced by the people, particularly after the 2008 general election.

"Our BN leaders frequently go down to the ground to listen to the people's grouses. This is a new dimension for Malaysia, and in the coming election, I strongly believe that BN will continue to be the number one choice for the people in this country, especially in Sabah.

"As far as Petagas state seat here is concerned, incumbent Datuk Yahya Hussin is still the best choice for us. He has done a lot in transforming a once cowboy town of Putatan into a cosmopolitan municipality," said the former veteran RTM broadcast journalist.

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