

**M'sia Wants No Foreign Interference In Polls - Muhyiddin  
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MUAR, April 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysia does not want foreign interference in the 13th general election for it can tarnish the democratic process during the polls, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

"We do not want any foreign element to meddle in our election process because we are adopting a transparent election system," he told reporters after visiting a polling district centre in Kampung Tengah, Sungai Terap, in Muar, Friday.

He said there was no necessity for any foreign element to interfere in the election process since the Election Commission had invited foreign observers from ASEAN countries, apart from local observers to keep an eye on the polls.

"So I hope no outsiders will interfere in our polls," he added.

He was commenting on Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi's statement that there were indications of foreign interference to thwart the formation of a Barisan Nasional government in Johor.

Muhyiddin, however, said he had no knowledge of such attempt, but added that Zahid might know better since he had national defence and military intelligence resources at his disposal to anticipate such attempt.

Commenting on a statement by the Consulate-General of Singapore that the Singapore-registered car which entered Johor and displayed a logo supporting a political party in Malaysia was an action by individuals whose nationalities were unclear, Muhyiddin said:

"We accept the statement in good faith because we have good ties with Singapore. So we hope there are no other elements who will try to interfere in our internal affairs.

"Let the people decide. Do not meddle or cause an uproar that can mar the democratic process in the country, " he said.

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