

**BN Remains Strong Despite PR Hurling Slander, Defamation - Muhyiddin
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BACHOK, May 1 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the Barisan Nasional (BN) did not waver despite the Pakatan Rakyat hurling slander and defamation against the coalition in the final run-up to the 13th General Election this Sunday.

He said these were acts of desperation to thwart the people's intention in seeing BN continuing to rule the country.

"As May 5 approaches, various accusations and lies are being hurled at the BN but we continue to persevere.

"They are trying to blur the people's vision with claims that they are going to topple the BN," said Muhyiddin.

He was addressing more than 20,000 people of various groups at the 1Malaysia People's Gathering in Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Beris Pancor here Wednesday.

Muhyiddin said situational reports from the visits he held nationwide showed the people's desire and aspiration to see BN continuing to lead the country, besides recapturing Selangor, Kedah and Kelantan. Meanwhile, the education minister and BN candidate for the Pagoh parliamentary seat, gave his assurance that Bachok would be developed as a valley of knowledge in Kelantan.

He said, a fully residential science school would be built in Bachok if the BN was given the mandate in the area, as well as overall control of Kelantan.

"I am making a statement, not a promise. Insyaa-Allah (God willing), if we win and have the deciding power, we will seek Bachok Umno chief Datuk Dr Awang Adek (Hussin) to ensure the science school becomes a reality."

Muhyiddin also urged the people to ponder over the failure of PAS in fighting for Islamic teachings, especially in defending the word, 'Allah', and the implementation of hudud laws.

"If we continue to let PAS rule Kelantan for another five years, I do not know what will become of Kelantan.

"Nik Aziz (Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat) cannot continue to be menteri besar as he has no capability and suffered much failures...thus, when May 5 comes, we will change the PAS government in Kelantan," he said.

Muhyiddin later spent time to meet and mingle with the people in the district.

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