

**Opposition Policies Are Aimed At Fooling The People, Says Muhyiddin  
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BUKIT MERTAJAM, April 23 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the government is compelled to expose the scams put out by the opposition to prevent the country from being destroyed.

He said the deceptions of the opposition were aimed at baiting the people with various nonsensical policies to gain power.

He added, among such policies were an extraordinary petrol subsidy, abolition of National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) loan payments and elimination of highway tolls.

"I have the right to explain as I know what was been done by the opposition is an outright a lie to the people, which is highly irresponsible.

"I cannot ignore it, I cannot keep quiet even if the truth is disappointing and bitter.

"I have to explain so that Malaysia's economy is not pushed into the ravine," he said when opening the Seberang Jaya Community College here Tuesday.

Also present were his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, Penang Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Teng Chang Yeow and Dr Mazlan Ismail, the BN's candidate for the Permatang Pauh parliamentary seat in the 13th General Election on May 5.

Muhyiddin said it was impossible to reduce the price of petrol at the moment, as the government was subsidizing it to the tune of RM24 billion annually and that this was a huge sum.

"Anwar did not explain by how much will they reduce the price of petrol...obviously it will be lower than the current price. If that is so, the answer is there will be heavier subsidy, (maybe) to the tune of RM10 billion a month," he said.

"So also is the abolition of PTPTN loan payments amounting to RM40 billion as well as the payment of toll, and if all these are carried out, it will definitely bankrupt the country," he said.

"These are glaring lies out to get the people's attention. Merely to get the people's support, they do not think far...they do not think for the people's future," he said.

He said the opposition's policies were way off the mark as compared to the BN's manifesto, which made promises which could be realistically met.

He said the efficiency of the BN government in administering the country had brought the country to an encouraging level and this was proven with robust national growth each year.

Muhyiddin said the people needed a stable and peaceful country to enable the economic cake to be shared by people from all walks of life and only BN was capable of doing so.

"We are now at an important juncture, that is the general election which will decide who will be the government. We do not take the election lightly as BN has issued a serious and realistic manifesto which is a promise for the future of the people and country," he said.

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