

Muhyiddin Calls On People To Give Mandate To PM
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NILAI, April 26 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin on Friday called on the people to give the mandate to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to continue leading the country after the 13th general election (GE13).

He said this was because Najib, who is energetic, skillful to govern the country and aware of the people's problems, had introduced and implemented various policies and programmes based on the concept of 1Malaysia to reduce the people's burdens.

"This is the first time he (Najib) asks for the people's mandate to lead the country, the one before this was not really the people's mandate because it was given to Najib by the then prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"We have seen many programmes implemented by Najib, including the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) programme, which have given a major impact to the people and we want the people to give him the chance to lead Malaysia for the next five years," he said to the cheers of those present at the breakfast-with-leader programme in Mantin here.

Also present were Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for Nilai state seat Chee Biow and Seremban parliamentary seat Datuk Dr Yeow Chai Thiam.

Muhyiddin said the people's mandate was vital because it would determine whether the country would have either clear or difficult path in a bid to achieve the status of a fully developed nation by 2020.

"That is why BN introduced its manifesto and I hope all of you will read it carefully because that is the PM's and BN government's promise to you. If we managed to form the government again, we will fulfill all those promises. We are not like the opposition parties that never fulfilled their promises," he said.

Meanwhile, some of those present at the event were seen so excited and happy to have gotten the chance to get up close and personal with the country's number two leader.

A housewife, Norhazati Mat Jidan, 35, said she got up as early as 6am to ensure that she would not miss the opportunity to have breakfast with the deputy prime minister.

She said she was so touched when Muhyiddin made the call for the people to give the mandate to the prime minister, especially with all that he had done to help the people, those low-income earners in particular.

Her view was shared by lorry driver M. Sundararaju, 51, who said that he would definitely give his support to Najib and BN because that was the only party that cared for the Indian community, including in the field of education.

"Najib has done so much for the Indians. I feel more secured if BN rules," he said.

For a college student Tay Car Men, 18, seeing the prime minister going on visits and walkabouts to reach out to the people gave her the confidence that the country's sixth

prime minister was indeed the people's choice.

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