

PAS Will Eventually Quit Opposition Pact Over Serious Policy Differences, Says Muhyiddin
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SEREMBAN, April 26 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today predicted that PAS will eventually leave the three-member opposition pact over serious differences in ideology and policies among them.

"On a matter of policy, PAS wants to form an Islamic state and wants to implement the hudud law (Islamic penal code). It's clear from the debate in today's newspapers that there is serious differences among them. There is no understanding among them.

"I feel there will come a time when they will come to a critical stage, then PAS leaders will say if this is the case, we are pulling out from the pact," he said when launching the Negeri Sembilan Barisan Nasional's (BN) supplementary manifesto at Kampung Felda Sendayan.

Also present were Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan, Umno and BN Youth chief Khairy Jamaluddin and BN candidates for parliamentary and state seats in Negeri Sembilan.

Muhyiddin said if it was fated that the opposition helmed the nation and the differences persisted, the country would face political instability as the government to be formed would be shaky and weak, leading to adverse implications to the country.

"The serious clash in policy and opinion will isolate PAS from the pact. After all PAS is only contesting about 70 parliamentary seats of the 222 seats up for grabs in this election.

"I think PAS will win only some of the seats. How PAS is going to influence its allies PKR and DAP,? he asked.

Muhyiddin, who is also BN deputy chairman, said that it was unwise for the people to vote for an abrupt change of government merely because they felt the BN had helmed the nation for too long.

"There are people who want try out something new, but I feel the people should consider the good times they have enjoyed and the difficulties we went through to manage the economy and the security threat posed by communist terrorists in the early years of independence.

"The opposition pact did not face these bitter experiences," he said.

Muhyiddin said he believed more people would support BN in this election as reflected in the survey on voters' behaviour conducted by BN.

"I believe the people have confidence in BN as evident from the increased support for the coalition. Overall, the BN has an advantage," he added.

The supplementary manifesto themed "A Success An Appreciation, Promises Honoured" unveils 45 promises which will be fulfilled if BN is given the mandate to govern the nation for the next five years in the May 5 general election.

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