

**Malaysia Is Where It Is Today Because Of BN's Success In Creating Unity -  
Muhyiddin  
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PADANG BESAR, April 27 (Bernama) -- The success of the Barisan Nasional (BN) in creating unity among Malaysians is the main factor that brought Malaysia to what it is today, said Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The Deputy Prime Minister said that the question of unity whereby there was no problem between the races in Malaysia was not the norm for many countries with multiracial populations so much so their development was hampered.

There was also the question of peace and security which were given top priority because it was a big responsibility of the BN government since it came into power, he said.

"Don't assume this is a normal thing. There are countries that became independent much earlier than Malaysia but due to unity problems and conflicts, failed to achieve the desired progress," he said at a "Meet-the-People" session at Medan Niaga Bukit Keteri here Saturday.

He said the people also needed to see what the BN government was doing now towards maintaining the prosperity of the country.

Muhyiddin said the opposition promised all sorts of things in trying to gain power whereas the existing BN government was good enough to implement the needed programmes for the people.

"If everything is going well, why change. Even though things are good, we (BN) still want to make it better ... if you still want to change (the government), it means you "tolak rezeki" (refuse sustenance). They (opposition) are saying have to change because the BN has been in power for too long.

"If you compare the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak) with (PKR advisor) (Datuk Seri) Anwar Ibrahim, who is older? Compare with Karpal Singh (DAP chairman and Nik Aziz (PAS spiritual leader and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat), Najib is much younger," he said.

He said in the 2008 general election, the opposition promised all sorts of things especially in Selangor, but after five years, most were not executed so much so the state government is facing lawsuits.

He added that PAS wanted to implement hudud laws, but if it was thought logically, they were just contesting 70 parliamentary seats out of the total 222 seats at stake in the 13th General Election on May 5 and thus will not be able to do so (if the opposition wins) because its partner DAP objects

He said PAS was now a "lost party" because it did not seem to "have a backbone" on matters related to Islam and Muslims.

Muhyiddin said the BN was tirelessly seeking ways to improve the people's lives so that their standard of living would be very much higher in the next five years.

"Today, the people can see for themselves. Because of the unwavering determination of the BN leadership, Malaysia and Perlis are enjoying tremendous progress," he said.

Also present were his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Md Isa Sabu and the BN candidates for the Padang Padang parliamentary seat and five state seats in it in the 13th General Election on May 5.

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