

Education A Fortress To Ward Off Unhealthy Foreign Cultures - Muhyiddin Bernama
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MARANG, May 2 (Bernama) -- A weak education system might expose the new generation to inconceivable foreign influences that could be in conflict with local religious beliefs and cultures, said Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said attempts to promote liberalism, pluralism, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) in the country could threaten the future of the new generation.

"Education can be a fortress to ward off unhealthy foreign cultures and wayward practices that are being promoted by certain quarters," he said in front of about 5,000 people when opening Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Seri Payong here Thursday.

Muhyiddin said educational institutions not only serve to produce knowledgeable human beings, but also holistic and impeccable human beings equipped with noble character and moral traits.

He said if children were not equipped with salient knowledge they would not be able to distinguish between what was right or what was wrong from religious and cultural perspectives.

"That's why in the school education system, I have asked teachers not only to teach, but also to guide, educate and set a good example to students," he said.

He said the country's development agenda was not only confined to economic, social, cultural and religious development, but also educational development as emphasised under the National Education Blueprint over the next 13 years.

"The country needs experienced leaders in good and tough times. With the experience of leading the country spanning over five decades, the BN could take the country's sovereignty to greater heights," he added.

On Terengganu, he expressed his confident that the people would continue to reject PAS, particularly in its strongholds, namely Ru Rendang and Marang.

The Terengganu BN has a good track record, particularly in education where it is unbeatable, he added.

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