

'2011 polls show support for BN'
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GROWING SUPPORT: DPM confident the people are behind the coalition, govt's transformation programmes

SADONG JAYA: DEPUTY Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin is confident that Barisan Nasional will do well in Sarawak in the general election based on the increased support for the ruling coalition in the Sarawak state election in April 2011.

He said the state election results were a reflection of the people's support for the various government transformation programmes (GTP) aimed at uplifting their standard of living.

"We hope for this same support in this election in all the 31 parliamentary seats in Sarawak. The result should be better," he said at a press conference at Masjid Darul Iman here after attending a Pemimpin Bersama Rakyat gathering yesterday.

Muhyiddin, who is also BN deputy chairman, said the encouragement could be seen in the "body language" of people he had met, as well as what they said and their cheerful demeanour.

He said over the last two years, people in the state and elsewhere in the country had already benefited from the GTP.

"The impact of BR1M (Bantuan Rakyat 1 Malaysia), the touch points and a vibrant economy are enough for the people to see what the BN can do to change their life.

"This is encouraging for the BN in facing the 13th General Election on May 5."

On Pakatan Rakyat's failure to agree amicably on the allocation of seats, Muhyiddin said it reflected the opposition coalition's disunity and greed.

"The parties are trying to grab as many seats as possible.

"They believe they will win and form the government and the party with the most seats will determine who will be prime minister."

Earlier, in his speech, Muhyiddin urged the people to get a copy of the BN manifesto and keep it.

He said if the BN was returned to power, they could refer to the manifesto and ensure that it fulfills all the promises and pledges made in the manifesto.

"The BN manifesto is not a manifesto like the opposition's.

"Our manifesto is a promise and we will ensure that it is carried out."

At another function later, Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, gave an assurance that all mission and vernacular schools would be maintained as long as BN was in power.

He said the government acknowledged the contribution of these schools to nation building for the past 100 years.

In recognition of their contributions, he said the BN would allocate annual funds for these schools through the Education Ministry.

"They have helped to build the nation since the colonial days and now they deserve all the support from the government," said Muhyiddin after meeting teachers from mission schools at SK Garland yesterday.

Muhyiddin also presented RM31 million in school aid for 128 mission schools in the state.

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