

'Opposition cannot even agree on candidates' list'
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LABUAN: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin described the inability of the opposition to finalise its candidates' list, including in Labuan, as proof that there is no unity among the parties.

During his half-day visit to the island here, he said this scenario was seen across the country, where DAP, Parti Keadilan Rakyat and Pas had announced their own lists before Pakatan Rakyat had even finalised the seat allocations.

"So there is already friction among them and you might see them contesting under their own symbols in the election. But that is their problem, not ours.

"While this plays to our advantage, Barisan Nasional will not take things lightly. We will work hard to deliver the seats," he said after launching the new Labuan Bus and Taxi Terminal at the city centre, here, yesterday.

He was asked to comment on PKR and Pas vying to put their own candidates to contest the Labuan parliamentary seat.

It was reported that PKR would field ex-Sabah Umno treasurer Tan Sri Ibrahim Menudin, while Pas said Labuan information chief Hadnan Mohamad would contest.

Muhyiddin expressed confidence in the BN candidate for the seat, Rozman Isli, and promised that BN would continue developing the island, if it was given the mandate.

He highlighted four infrastructure projects amounting to RM165.65 million in Labuan that were approved by the government last year. This, he said, was to strengthen the island's position as an oil and gas hub in eastern Malaysia.

The projects were under four ministries and were expected to be completed between next year and 2016, he added.

This included a bypass road to shorten the trip between the airport and Ranche-Ranche Industrial Area, a Fire and Rescue Department headquarters at the industrial area, upgrading of a pipe network at the industrial area, and upgrading of the Patau-Patau power plant and new electrical support supply.

He said if given the mandate, BN would continue to engage the people in projects carried out for them.

Taking the bus and taxi terminal as an example, he said the RM5.8 million project, which was completed on Feb 7 and operational on March 15, was to provide public transport for the people.

He went for a walkabout at the city centre and stopped at L9 Kopitiam, where he mingled with people while having drinks, before leaving for Kota Kinabalu.

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